

## Editor Speaks Out On Spiritual Gifts

**Question:** Are you Charismatic? My pastor says all gifts of I Corinthians, chapter 12-14 were removed from the church when the Bible was completed about 100 A.D. He says “The perfect: of I Corinthians, chapter 13 verse 10 proves this.” Is this true?

**Response:** We are not part of any charismatic ecumenical movement, and we disagree with the “self-esteem,” “word-faith,” “health & wealth,” and other heretical teachings such as praying to the virgin Mary (the Queen of Heaven). We also admit that many "gifts" are faked or abused!

We are non-denominational Christians. Your pastor is incorrect. The gifts have never been withdrawn from the church. The explanation he gives is ignorant and ridiculous on its face. Correct hermeneutics requires him to insert “completion of the Bible” in I Corinthians chapter 13 verse 10 and 12. Try this and see what it says.

For an absolute complete refutation, by a Greek and English word study on this verse, see advertised book on our book list “*Speaking In Other Tongues-A Scholarly Defense*” (840 page edition).

I will state that most of the "miraculous" claims by many American "prophets" are countefeit gifts or just lies, but that is beside the point. All of the following scholars agree with my interpretation of I Cor. 13:10. There is no verse in the Bible teaching supernatural gifts have ceased.

Henry Alford Albert Barnes (Barnes Notes, 27 vol. Bible Commentary) C.K. Barrett (Commentary on 1 Corinthians) J. A. Bengel Arnold Bittlinger Geoffrey W. Bromiley F. F. Bruce Donald W. Burdick John Calvin Adam Clarke F. C. Cook (Anglican Bishop’s Commentary) J. N. Darby T. C. Edwards C. J. Edwards C. J. Ellicott Charles R. Erdman Thomas Erskine Joseph S. Exell (Biblical Illustrator)	A. R. Fausset (Jamieson, Fausset & Brown Commentary) Gordon Fee (Commentary on 1st Corinthians) G. G. Findlay (Expositor’s Greek Testament) F. L. Godet F. W. Grosheide (New International Commentary) Matthew Henry Charles Hodge C. H. Irwin C. F. Kling (Lange’s Commentary) R. C. H. Lenski Alexander Maclaren W. Harold Mare (Expositor’s Bible Commentary) J. C. McPheeters (Epistles to the Corinthians)	Donald S. Metz (Beacon Bible Commentary) H. A. W. Meyer James Moffatt Leon Morris (Tyndale New Testament Commentary) Hermann Olshausen C. H. Pfeiffer & E. F. Harrison (Wycliffe Commentary) Clarke H. Pinnock Matthew Poole A. T. Robertson & A. Plummer (I Corinthians) M. F. Sadler T. T. Shore (Ellicott’s Commentary) R. C. Trench (Synonyms of the New Testament) Bernard Weiss (Manual Introduction to the N.T.)
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“‘The perfect’ of I Corinthians chapter 13 verse 10 refers to the second coming of Jesus Christ.” Charles Caldwell Ryrie, Th.D., Ph.D., Chairman, Dept. of Systematic Theology, Dallas, Theological Seminary. – So agrees C. I. Scofield in his Scofield Reference Bible.