

The Decline and Disappearance of the Supernatural Gifts

First Corinthians 12:8-10	First Corinthians 12:28-30	Romans 12:3-8	Ephesians 4: 7-11	Second Peter 2:1	Rev. 22:18-19
(A.D. 59)	(A.D. 59)	(A.D. 60)	(A.D. 64)	(A.D. 66)	(A.D. 96)
<p>Wisdom</p> <p>Knowledge</p> <p>Faith</p> <p>Healings</p> <p>Miracles</p> <p>Prophecy</p> <p>Discerning of spirits</p> <p>Tongues</p> <p>Interpretation of tongues</p> <p>Note: All the nine early sign gifts and temporary gifts are mentioned during the early stages of church life</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 Thess. 5:20 "Despise not prophesyings." (A.D. 54)</p> <p>The prophetic gift was in full bloom during the infant days of the church life.</p>	<p>Apostles</p> <p>Prophets</p> <p>Teachers</p> <p>Miracles</p> <p>Healings</p> <p>Helps</p> <p>Governments</p> <p>Note: Some permanent gifts are added in this column.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 Cor. 13:10 concludes: "But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away."</p> <p>When the perfect revelation is complete (the canonized Scripture) then the imperfect piecemeal revelation (<i>prophecy and knowledge</i>) – along with the other temporary gifts – ("childish things" – vs. 11) will pass away and no longer be needed. A total of 9 temporary gifts would cease.</p>	<p>Prophecy</p> <p>Teachers</p> <p>Ministry</p> <p>Exhortation</p> <p>Giving</p> <p>Ruling</p> <p>Mercy</p> <p>Note: No wisdom, knowledge, faith, healings, miracles, discerning of Spirits, tongues, Interpret. of tongues are found in this column.</p> <p>Not mentioning these gifts would indicate their lesser use among the saints as the church progressed and the Scriptures began to be circulated and used.</p>	<p>Apostles</p> <p>Prophets</p> <p>Evangelists</p> <p>Pastor-Teachers</p> <p>Apostles and prophets were foundational to the church (Eph. 2:20)</p> <p>Evangelists and pastor-teachers would continue to be used in the church ministry.</p> <p>Note Once Again: No wisdom, knowledge, faith, healings, miracles, discerning of Spirits, tongues, Interpret. of tongues are found in this column.</p>	<p>False Teachers</p> <p>"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you ..."</p> <p>Note: The absence of any temporary gifts (prophets) in this later epistle</p> <p>The apostolic miraculous gifts and their revelation "was confirmed" (Heb.2:3) when the <i>first</i> and only generation of apostles were living among the people.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hebrews was written in A.D. 66 or 67</p> <p>By this time the second generation sees the temporary gifts already disappearing</p>	<p>No more adding to the final prophetic revelation</p> <p>The New Testament is a fixed revelation (Revelation 22:18-19)</p> <p>The apostles have died along with their foundational ministry (Eph. 2:20)</p> <p>The canon is officially closed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3)</p> <p>Bible officially brought into a canon during the first and second centuries.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"a more sure word of prophecy" (2 Pet. 1:19)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">By Pastor K. Sensenig</p>