

I Corinthians 13:8-13

1. Love never fails.
 2. Grace is always extended before judgment.
 3. When God speaks a Word God keeps His Word.
 4. It's not what happens to me but it's what happens in me that counts.
 5. My attitude determines my altitude.
 6. You know you have a servant heart when you get treated like a servant and it doesn't bother you.
 7. The Word of God can never mean what it never meant!
- Tongues mentioned in Mark, Three times in Acts (Luke), and in 1st Corinthians 12-14.
 - James, Jude, Peter, John – never mentioned it.

What does this Mean (Acts 2:1-21)?

- Language – always a language (Acts 2 – 1 Corinthians 12-14)
- Covered the four corners of the earth, including some of the farthest outposts of the empire.

Definition: A **sign** is a clear evidence of the will of God and can either be for **blessing, cursing**, or to establish the unmistakable presence and **authority** of God and His servants.

1 Corinthians 14:20-22; Isaiah 28:9-12; 1 Corinthians 14:10

Definition: The gift of **tongues** was the distinctive ability to speak in a **language** which you never learned and communicate a divinely anointed message from God of judgment to the unbelieving nation of Israel. The gift of tongues no longer exists today (1 Corinthians 13:8)!

- It wasn't the star of David flying over Israel; it was a Roman eagle and the sign of foreign occupation. Now with the sign of languages Israel would be a disciplined and a dispersed nation.

1 Corinthians 13:8-13

- Love never (relating to time and eternity; love, at no time, will ever fail).
- Hope will come to an end because hope will be realized.
- Faith will also come to an end because it will be actualized, we'll have sight instead.
- Love never ends because God is love (not hope or faith)
- Fails (pipto) - (hissed off a stage; rose pedal falls to the ground—love is a flower in which there is no decay).
- Prophecies – fail (katargeo) to be made inoperative – passive voice – something happens and prophecies receive the action of being rendered inoperative;

- Tongues – shall cease (pauo) to stop; to end, to be abolished – middle voice which is reflexive, indicating that the subject acts upon itself, no outside force causes tongues to cease; they stop all by themselves
- Knowledge – (katargeo) to be made inoperative – passive voice – something happens and (gift of) knowledge receives the action of being rendered inoperative.
- Active voice – subject produces the action (I hit the ball) ; Passive – subject receives the action – The ball hit me; Middle voice – I hit myself – it is reflexive, indicating that the subject acts upon itself. Tongues will stop, cease, come to an end, be abolished, all by them selves
- That which is perfect (Nominative Neuter singular in Gender) – the Bible - James 1:25 – removes the partial gifts of prophecy and knowledge; tongues have already stopped on their own. Neuter in

Hebrews 2:1-4

¹Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. ²For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, ³how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*, ⁴God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

“and so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”

~ 2 Peter 1:19-21

1 Corinthians 13:11

- The Corinthians were like preschoolers playing with toys that would one day disappear.
- You expect a child to think, understand, and speak like a child; but you also expect that child to mature and start thinking and speaking like an adult.
- The day comes when we must put away childish things.
- Children live for the temporary; adults live for the permanent.
- Love is enduring, and what it produces will endure.

1 Corinthians 13:12

- The metaphor of the mirror enjoyed widespread use in the ancient world and was particularly relevant to Corinth where bronze mirrors were manufactured.
- Although looking into a mirror could carry different connotations, the use of the metaphor in context points to the indistinctness of one’s vision, to partial and incomplete knowledge.
- Seeing in a mirror is contrasted with seeing face to face and having full knowledge.
- When the Word of God comes not only do we “the mind of Christ” but there will be no blurring again or incompleteness to His message.