WHY THE SPIRITUAL SIGN GIFTS ARE STILL IN USE TODAY

The Very Important Gifts Such As Healing, Miracles, Prophecy, and Tongues Are Here Today And Not Faded Out With the Early Church

There are an estimated 8,000 promises in the Bible. With other provisions such as joy, peace along with covenants past and present this number steadily rises! 2Corinthinas 1:20 says; For all the promises of God in Him are "Yes," and in Him "Amen," to the glory of God through us. There is not one promise we can say no to. Major Theological schools have taught that the provisions of some gifts have served their purpose for the early church and faded out after the epistles were written. We will look at the gifts that are taught to no longer be manifested and explain why they are in use today. But first, how does God's promise work? Some are unconditional and some are condition depending if man obeys and follows through. God will never break His promise! Why is this important? A Christian soldiers loss in battle starts with doubt and can end in rejection of His promise.

Healing:

There are spiritual healing verses that is so fundamentally from God it would go against God's definition of Himself as love. Maybe the theological schools did not notice these verses.

<u>Psalm 147:3 ESV</u> He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

<u>1Peter 2:24 ESV</u> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

And there is physical healing as well.

<u>James 5:14-15 ESV</u> Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

<u>Psalm 41:3 ESV</u> The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health. We have also herd hundreds of testimonies where God healed His son or daughter. We say yes not maybe to all major and minor healings!

Miracles:

Everything above can be applied to miracles.

<u>Act 4:22 KJV</u> For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed. Jesus says don't stop the miracles!

<u>Mark 9:39 CEV</u> Jesus said to his disciples: Don't stop him! No one who works miracles in my name will soon turn and say something bad about me.

We deny part of our belief if we deny miracles!

<u>Mark 9:23 CEV</u> Jesus replied, "Why do you say 'if you can'? Anything is possible for someone who has faith!"

There are too many miracles in the Bible to count. Even more so, how many thousands of times have you heard a prayer answered that had to be arranged by God!

Prophecy

Here again there are prophecy verses that is so fundamentally from God it would go against God's definition of Himself as love.

<u>1Corinthians 14:3 ISV</u> But the person who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding, encouragement, and comfort.

Here is prophesying that has to come after the early church.

Acts 2:16-17 ISV Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on everyone. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.

Here is an example of the other type of prophesying (what will happen) that must come after the early church.

Malachi 4:5 ISV Pay attention! I'm sending Elijah the prophet to you before the great and dreadful Day of the LORD comes.

Tongues

Tongues are less tangible than the other gifts and are easily dismissed. Let's begin at the the top!

God to God Conversation:

And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God Romans 8:27 BSB.

Put simply: For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God 1Corinthians 2:11 ESV.

Why is Tongues often in a Heavenly Language Mistakenly Call Gibberish?

Rom 8:26 ASV And in like manner the Spirit also helpeth our infirmity: for we know not how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered;. Our mind wants complete control all the time everywhere, in everything. Do you think at times God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts? Do you think at times He wishes to speak on a higher level than we need to understand? Here again, "the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God" Romans 8:27 BSB.

1Corinthians 14:2 ESV For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit

<u>1Corinthians 2:13 WNT</u> Of these we speak--not in language which man's wisdom teaches us, but in that which the Spirit teaches--adapting, as we do, spiritual words to spiritual truths. It would be a bit self centered and make no sense to tell someone at the gym "only groan in English"

Personal Note

God only renews His provisions with a greater provision, but for me rejecting tongues was the same as rejecting all of Gods gifts for 30 years.

PROPER USE OF TONGUES

Free for all disorder is not the proper way to worship in tongues. There are many aspects of tongues such as interpretation, sincere prayer, and God's spirit bearing witness with our spirit Romans 8:16, but none are chaotic. Paul put practical limitations on how and when to speak in tongues "If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak (continue to pray in tongues) to himself, and to God 1Corinthians 14:27-8 KJV". Paul also taught not to forbid tongues "...and do not forbid speaking in tongues 1Corinthians 14:39 ESV"

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