Love Never Fails

I Corinthians 13:8-12

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Love Is Permanent; Gifts Are Temporary

Love will never fall like a leaf and decay. Love will never cease, but will always exist. It is eternal!.

The gifts of prophecy and knowledge will be done away and made inoperative or useless.

The gift of tongues will come to an end and stop.

The coming of the perfect will make the gifts of prophecy and knowledge inoperative and useless.

The gift of tongues will cease on its own.

When The Perfect Comes

In verse 11, Paul speaks of his maturity from childhood to manhood and putting away of childish things.

The word “perfect” in verse 10 is the thought of maturity.

Verse 10 is referring to the time when the church will reach maturity. At that time the childish spiritual gifts, which are only partial, will be done away.

When The Perfect Comes

The church came of age and reached maturity at the close of the apostolic age and the completion of God's Word.

It is possible that the three gifts mentioned in verse 8 are representative of all the gifts.

As the church matured into adulthood, all the spiritual gifts were either done away or ceased on their own.

The Word Of God

God concluded His revelation with the completion of the Bible.

With the conclusion of revelation, there was no longer a need for the revelatory gifts. They were made in inoperative and useless.

all the revelation we need for now to see God clearly and to see ourselves clearly is in God's Word. Spiritual gifts are no longer needed.

Christians may disagree on when the spiritual gifts will be done away or cease, but clearly they are temporary.

Love is eternal!

Let us not forfeit the eternal while we obsess over the temporary.

May God help us to live the more excellent way.