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PART 14:

IS PENTECOST STILL FOR TODAY?

Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:8 - 13

Introduction

- The experience known as *'the Baptism with the Holy Spirit'* is well documented in Acts.
- It was taught and encouraged and deemed a part of the *'normal'* Christian life.
- But is the same experience **STILL** for today?

1 Two Great Opposing Camps

- **The 'Continuist' Camp.**
- Those who consider the baptism and gifts of the Spirit continue today.
- They are known as *'Pentecostals'*

- **The 'Cessationist' Camp**
- Those who consider the baptism of the Spirit along with the gifts have ceased.

- They argue they '*ceased*' when the last of the apostles died and the canon of Scripture was complete.
- Some in the '*Cessationist*' camp will say that modern Pentecost is of the devil.
- Beware the '*blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.*'
[Matthew 12:31 - 32].
- The Cessationist camp have launched some fierce attacks on the '*Continuist*' Camp.

2 The Cessationist's Key Text

- Consider [1 Corinthians 13:8].
- Paul says '*tongues will cease.*' But '*WHEN do they cease?*' is the question.
- Nothing in text to say its when the apostles die or the Bible is complete.
- The Continuist believes '*when*' is when Jesus comes again with His perfect kingdom.
- That is when we see Him '*face to face.*'
- Consider [Genesis 32:30], [Judges 6:22] and [Deuteronomy 5:4].
- The term '*face to face*' means to see God.
- When do we see God face to face?
- At the coming of Christ and in His perfect kingdom.
[Revelation 22:4].
- So '*THEN*' hasn't happened yet.
- So the baptism and gifts continue until **THEN**.
- They are therefore still for today.

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