

Faith and Hope

Biblical faith and hope are in our unseen Lord and the following verses tell us that, “*Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen ... hope that is seen is not hope ... we walk by faith, not by sight*” (Heb. 11:1; Rom. 8:24; 2 Cor. 5:7). So, when we see Jesus our faith and hope will be complete. 1 Cor. 12:9 tells us that faith is one of the gifts to the church and like all the other gifts it will not continue on into eternity but will cease when we see Jesus. Only the gift of charity is eternal.

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The word ‘remain’

1 Cor. 13:13 says, “*and now abideth faith, hope, charity.*” The word ‘abideth’ implies that something else does not abide (remain). If we go back to 1 Cor. 13:8, we are told of the things which will not abide (tongues, prophecy and knowledge). From these verses we can see that the three items in v. 8 must cease at some point in order for the three items of v. 13 to abide or remain.

Summing it up

1. For things to remain, things had to cease.
2. Tongues, prophecy and knowledge were targeted to cease when the Bible was completed.
3. Faith and hope remained after the Bible was completed and will remain until Jesus returns.
4. Charity, being eternal, will never cease because it is the greatest of all ... 1 Cor. 13:13.

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Prophecy, knowledge and perfection

1 Cor. 13:9-10 tell us that when the perfect comes, the in part shall be done away. Why are only TWO items spoken of in relation to the this perfection and why are they said to be in part? The reason prophecy and knowledge were said to be in part was because, when 1 Corinthians was written, the Bible itself was still in part so the prophecy and knowledge available to mankind was incomplete. When the Bible was completed (perfect) it then contained all the prophecy and knowledge which God wanted us to have ... perfection had come and, as prophecy and knowledge were no longer in part, the gifts disappeared. For this reason, the Bible cannot be added to today. Tongues, being a sign to the Jews, ceased as its purpose had also been served.

[The prophecy and knowledge which have ceased are *future* prophecy and *supernatural* knowledge such as God’s salvation plan, church guidelines etc which God gave to particular men to write the Bible. Today, we are told to grow in Biblical knowledge and to prophecy in the form of Biblical exposition, as in 1 Cor. 14:24-25, which will edify believers and convert souls.]

Some items cease, leaving some to remain

From the previous two sections we can see that:

1. Faith, hope and charity remain until Jesus returns and
2. Tongues, prophecy and knowledge must cease before that time.

It is not possible for the items which are targeted to cease to actually remain until Jesus returns as this would be saying that nothing will cease and all will remain. The Scriptures clearly tell us that tongues, prophecy and knowledge will cease while faith, hope and charity will remain.

The question now is, “When were tongues, prophecy and knowledge meant to cease?”

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