

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 12:31; 13:8-10; 14:1, 39

## A Brief History of the Debate

- Defining the sides in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of modern cessationism.
  - Enlightenment thinking –
  - Deism –
  - Religious environment –

## The Tenets of Cessationism

- Miracles and the sign gifts ceased with, or shortly after, the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Miracles and the sign gifts had a \_\_\_\_\_.
- With the arrival of the \_\_\_\_\_, we have all the divine guidance needed.
- Any \_\_\_\_\_ of miracles or gift manifestation is erroneous.

## A Brief Response to Cessationism

- How would a \_\_\_\_\_ read the New Testament?
- It is based in extra-biblical \_\_\_\_\_ and individual \_\_\_\_\_.
- Why would a \_\_\_\_\_ religion allow itself to be \_\_\_\_\_ by Enlightenment thinking?
- How does the mission of the Church \_\_\_\_\_ from cessationism?

## Life Enrichment

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What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- Reread the texts (1 Cor. 12:31; 13:8-10; 14:1, 39). Does Paul intend to confuse his readers with his back and forth between “eagerly desire the gifts” and “the gifts will eventually cease”?
- Why do you think Paul speaks to both the use of the gifts and their coming to an end?
- Why do you think this became a hotly debated issue in Church history?
- Modern society's obsession with the scientific move us toward a religion without the supernatural?
- How did the individual experiences of cessationism's founders add to the doctrine's formation?
- Why is basing doctrine on individual experience risky?
- How do you feel about the tenets of cessationism? Why do you feel that way?
- What conclusions do you think a new convert with no prior knowledge of Christianity would draw about the miracles they find while reading the scripture? Why?
- Why is it necessary to talk about the Christian debate over the supernatural?