## But When That Which is Perfect Is Come...

I Corinthians 13:10, "But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away."

Listen what the Prophet of God said about it:

So all these little things of jumping up-and-down like a kid, trying to talk in tongues, and all these other things, when that which is perfect... And we do have today, by God's help, the perfect interpretation of the Word with Divine vindication. Then that which is in part is done away with. "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child; but when I become a man, I put away childish things." (I Cor. 13:11). Amen.

Please explain I Corinthians 13:8-12. Now that the perfect Word is restored to the church are these verses fulfilled?

Now, I think I just went through that, didn't I? "And when that which is perfect has come, that which is in part shall be done away with." Paul said, "Though I speak with tongue of men and angels, and I do all these things here... But when that which is perfect is come..." **Now, is there anything perfect but God?** No, sir. Is God the perfect? In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (*John 1:1*). The Word's still God. See? All right. When that which is perfect is come, that which is in part is done away with. [1]

Do you get it? Amen. For God said, "I will restore It." He's going to restore It how? Four death messengers killed It; then four Life messengers will restore It. What was the first? Martin Luther, justification. What was the second? John Wesley, sanctification. What was the third? Pentecost with the restoration of the gifts, the Holy Ghost, baptism of the Holy Ghost. What was the fourth? The Word. What? The Word! [2]

Notice, here the Life that was in the husk. In the stalk, and in the tassel, in the husk, all gathers in the Seed. And the Life that was in the stalk, went, one went to make the other. Justification, made a way for sanctification; sanctification, made a way for the baptism of the Holy Ghost; the baptism of the Holy Ghost, made a way for the Holy Ghost Itself to come right down in perfection, back to the Word again, to manifest Itself. [3]

"Where there's tongues, it'll cease. Where there's knowledge, it'll vanish." Where there's faith, it'll fail, and all these things here. "But when that which is perfect come, which is love (I John 4:7-8,16), it will never pass away." That's right, the love of Christ. [4]

But brother, if you do speak with tongues, and then you continue to live the life that you once lived, then there's something wrong with your experience. Just only thing you're leaning upon is speaking with tongues, don't you try that. You'll go over the falls, and that boat will never stand up to it.

Where there is tongues they shall cease. Where there is prophecies it shall fail. But when that which is perfect is come... Oh, that love of God so rich and pure, fathomless and strong... Then these other gifts will work right in with it. See? That's gifts of the Holy Spirit that's given to you, speaking in tongues, prophesying and whatmore, interpretations. That's to edify the church, for the edification of the body (*I Cor. 14:12*). But first receive the Holy Ghost, that you see that your life is changed (*I Cor. 12:13*). [5]

I would that every member of my church spoke with tongues. I would like for them to do that, and I believe if you ask God, God will grant it to you. But let me tell you; I know plenty people that speak in tongues and haven't got the Holy Ghost. And there's not a minister that's true with himself and with his congregation but what will tell his congregation the same. The devil can impersonate that.

Paul said, "Though I speak with tongue of men and angels, though I give my body to be burned as a sacrifice, **though I understand all the mysteries of the Word**, though I give all my goods to the poor, and all these things, **and have not charity**, I still am nothing. I have faith that I can move mountains and so forth; I'm still nothing." Then he said, "That which is in part will be done away with when that which is perfect is come," or when that which is perfect is made known. [1]

Now, Paul said it in *I Corinthians 13*, the next, he said now, that, "Though I speak with tongues of men and angels (that's both kinds) and have not love, I'm nothing. Though I have wisdom..." Now, he's talking about these gifts up here in the body, having gifts without the Giver, Love. See? Though I have wisdom and understand all knowledge of God, all the Scripture, can put them together like any great theologian, and have not love, which is the Holy Spirit, I'm nothing."

Now, we know that the Holy Spirit is God (John 4:24). We have to admit that. See? That's God. Well then, God is love (I John 4:16). See? So you can have any of the gifts of God without having God. God is love, and Satan can impersonate any of those gifts. See, he can impersonate pretty near anything 'cause he perverts. Sin is righteousness perverted. [6]

Now, here, no matter how much you are right, here's one thing that we fail and miss, my brothers. No matter how right I am, and how Scriptural I am, and how much I know about God's Bible, if I haven't got the Spirit of God of love in my heart (Rom. 5:5) for the whole human race and all, then I'm wrong to begin with.

So if I know all the mysteries of God and can unroll them and make them all hit together, and I don't have love, what good does it do? [7]

I am nothing until charity comes in, which is love. Love is grace. The grace of God that does all.  $_{\rm [8]}$ 

So get Christ in your heart; that's a real... Christ and the Holy Spirit's the same thing. Holy Spirit, "Christ" means "the anointed One." And the Holy Spirit is that Anointing, and you are the one that's anointed. See? And it's Christ in you anointing you. See what I mean?

Then you got the right thing. Then He can use you to anything He wants to use you in, 'cause you're in the body and subject to any of those gifts (I Cor. 12). But see, to have one of the gifts outside of the body, it would do you no good.

Don't depend on those things. **The Holy Spirit is a Being; It's God, God in you, the Person, God, that's lit your whole entire being.** You're changed; you're a new creature (*II Cor. 5:17*). Any little thing that's wrong, He'll tell you that's wrong, then quit; don't do it. "Father, I didn't mean to do that, You forgive me." See? **And that's the Holy Spirit.** [9]

"And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor,... though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it prevaileth me nothing."

See, all your good works, all your good deeds, all the spiritual things you have, all the gifts you have, all the sensations you have, all the joy you have, all the peace you have has nothing at all to do with it to begin with. Think of that just a moment.

**Look at all those gifts, all those good things.** "I feed the poor, I've got a good heart about me. I do this. I do that. I go to church. I speak with tongues. I prophesy. I heal the sick. I preach the Gospel (*Matt.* 7:21-23). I do these things." Paul said, "Still I am nothing." All those things can be carnally impersonated.

Charity; love. What is love? Is God. How does God come to you? By birth. See? (John 3:3-8). [10]

The Holy Spirit so beautifully coming down and bathing us in His great beauty, I was just inspired to speak them words and say that, "Some glorious day that all of the gifts that's in the Church, will just be set aside on the mantle, as it was. And the Holy Spirit Himself will just take the Church in such a control of Divine love until the sick will be healed, the blind will see, the lame will walk, without being hands laid on them. It'll just be one great unity."

Genuine love is corrective, and brings you back to the Word of God. [12] See, the main thing is, love God, and humble yourself with it. [13]

God has to give it. Then love produces a fellowship. The day that sin had separated that Divine love, God told Adam and Eve not to eat these certain fruits, and they did, and sin brought separation. And sin by separation brought hatred, malice, strife, envy. Is that right? What happened? They separated from Divine love.

And when you separate from Divine love, then you can't overlook your brother's mistakes no more. You got to bawl him out for it (1 John 2:10). That's right. You can't overlook sister's mistakes no more. Because you've got away from that Divine part, that love part. But if you really love the Lord Jesus, if sister or brother, does something to you, "Oh, well, that's all right, they didn't mean to do it." That's the kind of love that Christ had, "Father, forgive them; they don't know what they're doing." (Luke 23:34). [14]

And, brethren, we have drawed little circles of laws and different things, and we're still never come to the real kernel. It's Jesus Christ the love of God, that God wants us to see. What a pity. Love is the greatest, most powerful weapon that this world has ever seen or knowed of. It's a dying for love. The church is perishing for love, the love of God's waters of grace to flow one to another.

When confidence is restored, when justice is restored between us, the love of God that's shed abroad in our hearts by the denomination... Something sounded wrong there, didn't it? The love of God is shed abroad in our heart by the Holy Spirit (*Acts* 5:32), God's love to us... [15]

That's why I want to put all my life for the Lord Jesus, everything that I can do for Him. And I can only serve Him as I serve His people. You can only love Him as you love each other. I can only love Him as I love you and you love me. And together we love God. And we become His children, in that I serve you, you serve me. And that's we're serving God. Jesus said, "Insomuch as you have done unto the least of these little ones, you have did it unto Me." (Matt. 25:40). So if we want a blessing, let's be a blessing to someone else, and a blessing will return. Like casting your bread upon the water, it'll return. And that's true. In all walks of life you'll find that. You usually reap just as you sow (Gal. 6:7-10). So let's do good. Talk good and be kind. And people talk about us, we'll say good things and kind things. And good things will come our way, if we'll give them out. [16]

Now, you like me to tell, what I think is the greatest, most **powerful force** there is on earth? The mightiest force there is on earth is love. That's exactly. There's nothing that will break down love. No matter what it is.

Whatever you are, or what you might've sang; you might've danced in the Spirit; you might've spoken with tongues; you might've shaken the elder's hand; you might've been baptized three times, this a way, backwards, face-forward, anyway you want to; but until love anchors in your heart, you're still out of God. That's right. You've got to have love. The Bible said, "God is love." The love is the strongest force. [17]

These people who died in Christ are depending and waiting on us. So this church has got to come to perfection in order to bring the resurrection (*Heb.* 11:39-40; 12:1), and they're souls under the altar, waiting for this church to come to its perfection.

And up here when the pyramid Cap does come, the pyramid itself, the Body of Christ will have to be honed (II Peter 1:3-11), not only just some creed, or doctrine, or something we've come through. It'll have to be so perfectly like Christ till when He comes, He and that ministry will fit right smack together. Then will come the rapture, the going home. [18]

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