

Letter 10
The Return of The Gifts
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Dear Dan,

I ceased speaking in tongues within a couple of years after being initially Baptized with the Lord Holy Spirit.

I think there were many reasons for my own “cessation”. I was still hurt by my experience when I was twelve. And, since I am usually a private person, yet had a custom of attending very energetic Pentecostal and Charismatic churches, I would take a seat at the back and observe. That was my comfort zone. A nice quiet corner where I could watch, listen and not have to talk, in any tongue. At least not in public.

There were a few occasions that I spoke in tongues at some meetings during prayer, but after I turned 16 I stopped altogether. Not because of doubt, but I think I needed to spend many years thinking about things. To think about all the various inputs and doctrines I had heard. I was perhaps a little confused, yet the Lord had granted me with a sound mind and keen intellect. So, I waited and kept observing, and kept reading my Bible. But there was still that pain from the abuse in Sedro-Woolley. It was there for a long time, until 1998 or 1999, when the Lord healed me from that.

The healing came in this fashion. I had at that time developed an email correspondence with a church in Colorado. During one of my email exchanges I brought up the subject of the gifts and tongues. Their response was from Scripture and observed that the gifts were VOLUNTARY, not coerced. And with that Word I was healed of the abuse.

At the same time (1998/99) of these email exchanges I was working at a job just across the street from where I had years earlier received the “Ghostbusters” balloon message. In fact, I was the Night Boss of both buildings. And one night at work I felt like speaking in tongues. So I did. And I did a lot.

I remember going into one of the offices in the basement that had a lot of equipment, and going around the room touching all the equipment while praying in tongues. I knew at the time that the prayers were for the salvation of the operator of the equipment.

NOTE: As I write this the thought occurs to me that speaking with the tongues of angels is not much different than an F-14 Tomcat’s moveable wings that will sweep forward at low speed and then sweep back at super-sonic speeds. All automatic, providing the appropriate wing surface at need. More later.

Blessings...

Romanus Theophilus