

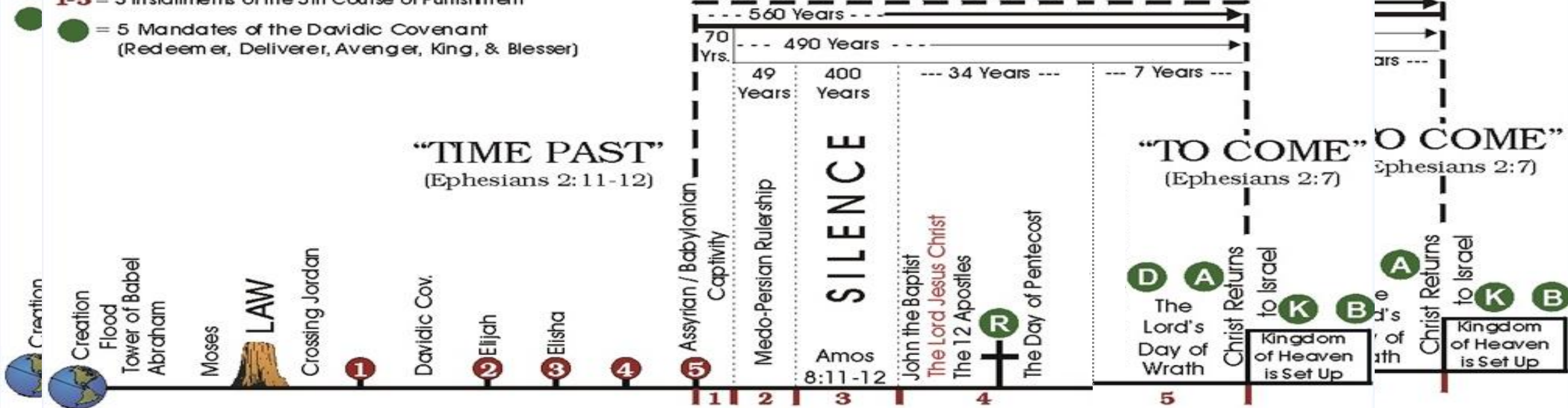
(Agape) Love and Spiritual Gifts (Pt. 1)

Are Spiritual Gifts for Today?

Rom. 12:3-8

- = 5 Courses of Punishment (Lev. 26)
- 1-5 = 5 Installments of the 5th Course of Punishment
- = 5 Mandates of the Davidic Covenant (Redeemer, Deliverer, Avenger, King, & Blessor)

TIMES OF THE GENTILES



ISRAEL - "The Circumcision" - "nigh unto God"

THE LAW serves as a "middle wall of partition."

GENTILES - "Uncircumcision" "far off" "without God"

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Genesis	Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deut.	Josh.	Jud. Ruth 1 Sam 1-16	1 Sam 16 to 1 Kgs 12	1 Kgs 12 to 2 Kgs 22	2 Kgs 10:31 to 10:32	2 Kgs 10:32 to 16:20	2 Kgs 17:1 to 25:30	Ezr Neh Est	The Silence of God	Matthew Mark Luke John	Acts 1-8	Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter 1, 2 & 3 John Jude The Book of the Revelation	Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter 1, 2 & 3 John Jude The Book of the Revelation
				1 and 2 Chronicles		Isa, Jer, Lam, Ezk, Dan, Hos, Joel, Amos, Oba, Jon, Mic, Nah, Hab, Zeph, Hag, Zec, Mal.		Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon						

1. The Body of Christ is an invisible spiritual organism made up of all those who believe Paul's Gospel in the Disp. Of Grace:
 - a. All believers are placed into (baptized into) the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13). It includes all believing sinners without any earthly distinctions, such as Jew and Gentile (Eph. 2:14-18; 3:6; Gal. 3:27-28).
 - b. Its overall purpose is to manifest the manifold wisdom of God to the powers and principalities in Heavenly places now (Eph. 3:9-10) and to show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness towards us through Christ forevermore (Eph. 2:6-7).

c. It is knit together with (Agape) Love, in mutual faith comforting our hearts, in the full assurance and full acknowledgement of the Mystery of the Triune Godhead as revealed through Paul's distinct apostleship, which results in being rooted and built up in Him, established in THE FAITH (the measure of Faith abounding with THANKSGIVING (Col. 2:2-7).

THE FAITH = God's Truth for Today = Rom. 16:25 =
Pauline Grace Mystery Truth.

2. Any assembly of believers is the physical representation of this spiritual Body of Christ on earth and therefore must operate in the same way.

THE MEASURE OF FAITH



**PAULINE GRACE
MYSTERY TRUTH**

3. Pauline Grace Love regulates all that happens within the assembly because it teaches us how to think rightly about ourselves and others based on the Person and Work of Christ for us.

4. Paul explains how this works with regard to the temporary and partial spiritual gifts given to the church in its infancy before the revelation of the Mystery to Paul was total and it was put in the Scriptures and distributed.
 - These had completely ceased by Col. 1:25 when Paul announces that God had completed His Word with regard to Mystery Truth.

5. Notice that although the Romans had these temporary spiritual gifts, they were still NOT fully established in God's Mystery Program for today (Rom. 1:11).

6. To fully establish them, Paul wanted to give them the one permanent and complete spiritual gift that will make all the other temporary and partial spiritual gifts obsolete: Paul's Gospel, the Preaching of Jesus Christ according to the Revelation of the Mystery, which was KEPT SECRET SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN but is now made in known in the (prophetic) Scriptures of Paul (Rom. 16:25-26)

7. It is ironic that the same religious groups trying to re-create these temporary and partial spiritual gifts as the means of edifying spiritually, have rejected the one spiritual gift that could, in fact, edify them spiritually: God's Mystery Truth revealed to and through His Apostle Paul.

--The one gift that could do what all of these temporary and partial gifts couldn't do alone or all together: Fully Establish Believers In God's Things For Today.

8. Paul explains that these temporary and partial gifts would be used by God in accord with the “measure of faith” (12:3b) and the “proportion of faith” (12:6b).
 - a. God gives the same “measure of faith” to everyone. It is the fullness of God’s revelation of the Mystery through the distinct apostleship of Paul.
 - b. No one receives more or less faith or revelation from God. Every one receives the same measure of faith—Pauline Grace Mystery Truth.

- . During the Transition Period, God's Revelation of the Mystery (the "measure of faith") had not yet been fully revealed, recorded in the Scriptures and distributed; so, God provided these temporary gifts (Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 13:9-13) to make up the difference until the full measure of The Faith was completed and fulfilled, which was by the time Paul wrote Col. 1:25.

10. Therefore, these temporary partial gifts would be used by God in accordance with the “proportion of the Faith”.


a. When lesser Pauline Revelation—The Measure of the Faith—was available, God “proportionally” made use these temporary and partial spiritual gifts more.

b. As the amount of The Measure of Faith--Pauline Revelation (the one spiritual gift that could fully establish them—Rom. 1:11; 16:25)--increased, God’s use of these temporary and partial gifts would “proportionally” decrease.

c. And when God’s Revelation to Paul was complete and permanently recorded in the Scriptures (Col. 1:25), they completely ceased.

THE PROPORTION OF (THE) FAITH



A pair of glasses with a blue text overlay. The text on the overlay reads: 100% SCRIPTURE Col. 1:25.

100%
SCRIPTURE
Col. 1:25

0% Spiritual Gifts:
They will cease (1 Cor. 13:8-13)

11. The temporary and partial spiritual gifts were given for 3 main reasons:
 - a. For the benefit of the Body of Christ in its “infancy” before God and Paul had recorded the full revelation of the Mystery in the Scriptures.
 - b. Signs and wonders during Transition Period before God had completely set aside His Prophetic Program with Israel to lead them to the veracity of what Paul was saying to “save” some, bringing them into the Body of Christ.
 - c. The signs of the Apostles and Prophets. This was the apostolic age.

12. The corollary of all this is that:
 - a. Once Paul's Gospel and the Revelation of the Mystery had been fully and completely and permanently revealed, recorded in the Scriptures and distributed in the world, the Body of Christ left infancy and entered adulthood and the temporary and partial spiritual gifts were no longer needed (Rom. 1:11; 16:25; 1 Cor. 13:8-13; Col. 1:25; 2 Tim. 3:16).
 - b. Once the Transition Period was over and God had completely set aside His Prophetic Program with Israel, there was no longer a need for the sign gifts for Israel.
 - c. Once the primary apostles had died out (Peter and the 12 for the Believing Remnant and Paul for the Body of Christ), the signs associated with them as being true messengers of God also died out.