

A Case for Cessationism

Selected Scripture

- I. The Unique Role of Miracles
- II. The End of the Gift of Apostleship
- III. The Foundational Nature of the NT Apostles & Prophets
- IV. The Nature of the Miraculous Gifts
 - A. The Gift of Tongues
 - B. The Gift of Prophecy
 - C. The Gift of Healing

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- V. The Testimony of Church History
 - A. NT History
 - B. Post-NT History
- VI. The Sufficiency of Scripture
- VII. The NT Rules for the Miraculous Gifts
 - A. Speaking in tongues (27-28)
 - B. Prophecy (29-34)

How to Respond...

- 1) If you are a cessationist...
 - a) Don't downplay the role of the Spirit.
 - b) Hold to your confidence in the all-sufficient Word.
 - c) Know what you believe and why.
 - d) Reject all forms of continuing revelation—including subjective impressions of God's will.
 - e) Respond wisely to the different kinds of continuationists.
 - To false teachers...
 - To our charismatic brothers...

How to Respond...

- 2) If you are unconvinced...
 - Don't refuse for the sake of peace to come to a convinced position.
 - Be like the Bereans who searched the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.