

[Return to Charismatic Index](#)

Prophecies and tongues will cease when “that which is perfect is come.”

1 Cor. 13:10

1. The word Paul uses for “perfect” (τελειος) is never used to refer to the Second coming. A different word is used for the Second Coming.
2. Notice that Paul does not say “when he who is perfect is come,” but when “that which is perfect is come.” We would most naturally expect to find the masculine gender rather than the neuter gender when referring to Jesus.
3. In the NT the word τελειος never refers to the Second Coming. The word for that is τελος. .

τελειος

1 Cor. 2:6; ; 13:10; 14:20

τελειος: having attained the end or purpose, complete, perfect (Thayer, Greek-English Lexicon).

1 Cor. 13:10 When PERFECTION comes, then that which is in part disappears.

1 Cor. 2:6 We speak a message of wisdom among the MATURE

1 Cor. 14:20 In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be ADULTS.

Col 4:12 Prayer that the Colossians will stand firm and be MATURE.

Heb. 5:14 A contrast between the initial doctrines, which are for babes, and the advanced doctrines which are for the MATURE.

James 3:2 The man who can control his tongue is MATURE.

In everyone of these examples we can see that the word means MATURE or COMPLETE. The Bible speaks about the completion of God’s revelation to

mankind. Once God's new revelation was written down, it was no longer necessary for God to speak to the people through prophets and miraculous knowledge. And it was no longer necessary to have miracles to confirm the word which was spoken.

2 Tim. 3:16: God's revelation is thoroughly furnished in the scriptures.

Ephesians 4:7-16. When Jesus ascended he gave gifts to men: **miraculously gifted** apostles, prophets, evangelists, elders, teachers. These were for a limited time. They were to continue until there was unity in the knowledge of the son of God and maturity, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

τελος

τελος: termination, the limit at which a thing ceases to be. In Greek literature it always means the end of some act or state (Thayer, Greek-English Lexicon). **Τελος** is the word which refers to the Second Coming of Jesus (Theological Dictionary of the New Testament, 8:55).

1 Cor. 1:8; 10:11; 15:24 Christ shall confirm you unto the **END**.

1 Cor. 15:23, 24 Paul specifically speaks of the Second Coming of Christ (23). Then Paul writes: "Then the **END**."

Didaskalia