

A Brief Word on Charismatic Gifts



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Cessationist-Charismatic Continuum

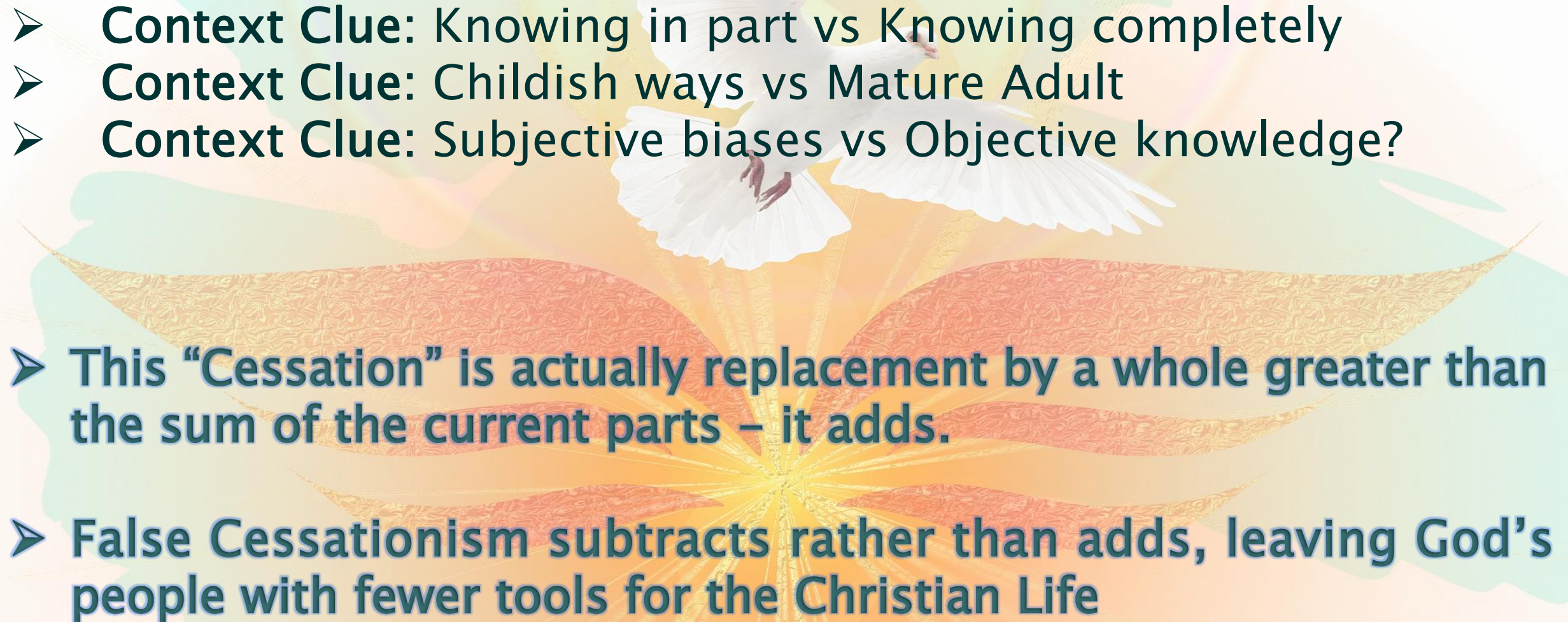
← Hard Cessationists	Soft Cessationists	Continuationists	Charismatics →
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Believe that the Bible has put an ABSOLUTE bar on continuation of the Charismatic gifts ✓ Will reject evidence of Charismatic gifts ✓ In the face of undeniable evidence, will resort to blasphemy by crediting Satan for the works of God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Does not believe that the Bible has put an ABSOLUTE bar on continuation of the Charismatic gifts ✓ Does believe that expression of the Charismatic gifts is no longer normative today. ✓ Is open to evidence of the expression of Charismatic gifts, often allowing for them to be exercised by Church Leaders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Believe that expression of the Charismatic gifts is still normative today. ✓ Has no expectation that these are widespread ✓ Some forms of continuationism limit the expression of Charismatic gifts to Institutional Church leadership and special "Men of God." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Believe that expression of the Charismatic gifts is still normative today. ✓ Has an expectation that these are widespread ✓ This expectation is often in connection to the Five-fold ministry where everyone in the Church is empowered for ministry

1 Corinthians 13:8-12

Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. (9) **For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. (10) But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. (11) When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. (12) For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.**

When do the gifts cease, and why do they cease

These gifts “Cease” at Christ’s Coming

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- **Context Clue:** Knowing in part vs Knowing completely
 - **Context Clue:** Childish ways vs Mature Adult
 - **Context Clue:** Subjective biases vs Objective knowledge?
 - **This “Cessation” is actually replacement by a whole greater than the sum of the current parts – it adds.**
 - **False Cessationism subtracts rather than adds, leaving God’s people with fewer tools for the Christian Life**

God's Disposed to Generosity

Ephesians 3:14–20 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, (15) Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, (16) That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; (17) That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, (18) May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; (19) And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. (20) Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

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