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I wrote a substack newsletter this week on that subject. I avoided all the usual arguments and gave a few different thoughts. I had another thought today on the subject and wish I had included it. So I will put it on here.

Someone knowledgeable on Cessationism explains . . .

So what is it that secessionists believe the Spirit has ceased. Let's be very clear. We only believe He has ceased one function and that is He no longer gives believers today the miraculous spiritual gifts, gifts like speaking in tongues, prophecy and healing. Those gifts ceased as normative with the apostles.

So I had some thoughts on that which I put in my substack but had a further thought I wish I had included. My thought was on the blasphemy of the HS. I will relate it to cessationism in a bit. There are various opinions on this subject most of which I think are wrong.

So what is it? Mar 3/ 22-30 Matt. 12/22-32

The pharisees were accusing Jesus of casting out demons by the prince of the demons Jesus called that the "Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit" That is ascribing the works of the HS to an unclean spirit. Healing deliverance various spiritual gifts et al No forgiveness for this.

Just to make the point no one ever did this accidentally. Or in a hot headed way. Or because they have a mind full of thoughts they can't control. This is the action of someone mature and knowledgeable who knows better and simply doesn't care. If you have a concern in your heart about it or concern for some one else then you or they haven't done it. Paul himself did it. But he did it in ignorance so he was forgiven. 1 Tim 1/13

So here is my point. Why would this be in the bible if the spiritual gifts were only for the early church. Why take up valuable space in the bible. I can see him saying that to the early church but why us?

So we are to believe Jesus was giving a serious warning to the early church about something that will end (gifts) before long. I think we should give Jesus and the HS a little more credit than that.

Also who was Jesus talking to here? The pharisees obviously. So the world and the unsaved (religious or not) are never going to have salvation if they blaspheme the HS. That is ridiculous! Although some on the internets are finding a way to say just that.

Its almost like Jesus (or the HS) saw this problem with cessationism coming

I have more complete thoughts on the subject on my substack. If you would like to read it you can do so here:

<https://mlederman.substack.com/p/a-note-to-our-cessationist-brothers>

If you would like to read my occasional thoughts opinions and prognostications then put in your email. Its free and probably always will be. Plus your address doesn't go anywhere else.

If you would a fuller response to cessationism by myself and some of the other brothers you can read it right here:

<http://overcomersonline.com/FUDforum2/index.php?t=msg&th=1030&start=0&S=4c5e463e5c1cca8d2118a631f0a647af>