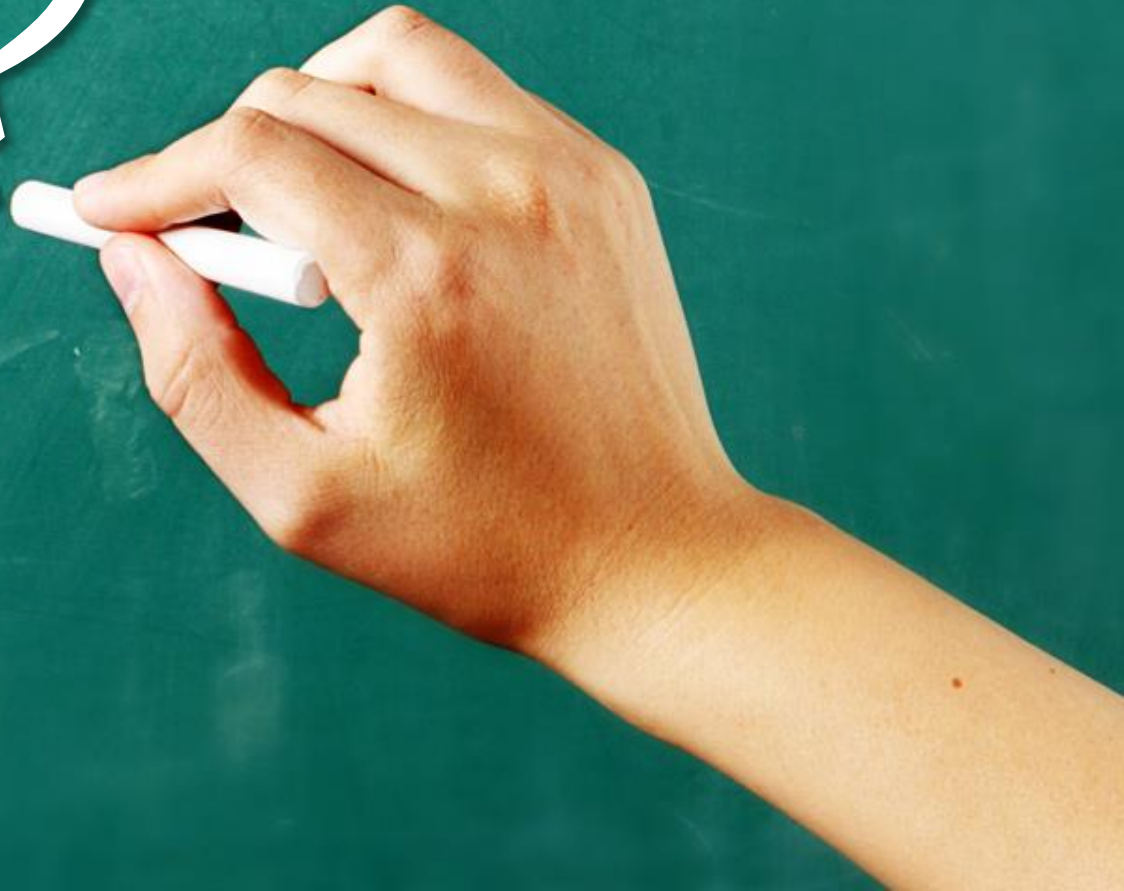


Why
We.....?

- *Fundamental Studies*
- *Why Believe...*
- *Why we Practice...*
- *Why we Don't...*





Topics

- ✓ **Thursday:** *Why we believe it makes a difference what one believes*
- ✓ **Friday:** *Why we believe Jesus was raised from the dead*
- ✓ **Saturday:** *Why we believe there is just one church*
- ✓ **Sunday Class:** *Why we believe miracles have ceased*
- ✓ **Sunday AM:** *Why we believe hell is real and eternal*
- ✓ **Sunday PM:** *Why we do not believe once saved always saved*

Why We...?

We Believe
Miracles Have
Ceased



Those Who Believe In Miracles Today

- Some rely on miracles – not seek medical help
- Some seek medical help – think still a miracle
- Some have *Faith Healing* services (i.e. Oral Roberts)



Believe in Holy Spirit Baptism for believers today as the apostles had



What is a Miracle?

1. *dunamis* (δύναμις, 1411), “power, inherent ability,” is used of **works of a supernatural origin and character, such as could not be produced by natural agents and means**. It is translated “miracles” in the rv and kjv in Acts 8:13 (where variant readings give the words in different order); 19:11; 1 Cor. 12:10, 28, 29; Gal. 3:5; kjv only, in Acts 2:22 (rv, “mighty works”); Heb. 2:4 (rv, “powers”). In Gal. 3:5, the word may be taken in its widest sense, to include “miracles” both physical and moral. See *might*, A, No. 1, *power*, *work*.

Vine, W. E., *Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words* (Vol. 2, p. 412). Nashville, TN: T. Nelson.

Not a Question of God's Power or Working

Providence

Birth of Child

Samuel

(1 Sam. 1)

Natural Means

Weather Change

Rain

(Jas. 5:16-17)

Miracle

Birth of Child

Jesus

(Matt. 1)

Supernatural Means

Weather Change

Calm Storm

(Matt. 8:26)

Not a Question of God's Power or Working

God has the power to make a woman from the rib of a man today.

But he is not doing so today!



We Believe Miracles Have Ceased

1. The Purpose is Accomplished



The
PURPOSE IS
Accomplished



- A. Not for the betterment of men (Not all feed / healed)
- B. Confirmation of the message / claim
 - 1. *Mark 16:17-20*
 - 2. *Heb. 2:3-4 (word has been confirmed)*
- C. Reveal the word
 - 1. *John 16:13; 14:26*
 - 2. *Word is complete (Jude 3; 2 Pet. 1:3)*
- D. Prove Gentiles are gospel subjects (Acts 11:18)



We Believe Miracles Have Ceased

- I. The Purpose Is Accomplished
- II. Holy Spirit Baptism Has Ceased



Holy Spirit Baptism Has Ceased



A. Two Cases in the New Testament



Case # 1

The Apostles

1. Promised to the Apostles (Acts 1:4-5)
2. Apostles received it on Pentecost (Acts 1:26 – 2:4)

26 And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Case # 1

The Apostles

1. Promised to the Apostles (Acts 1:4-5)
2. Apostles received it on Pentecost (Acts 1:26 – 2:4)
3. Purpose:

- Reveal truth (John 16:13)
- Show things to come (John 16:13)
- Teach all things (John 14:26)
- Bring all things to their remembrance (John 14:26)

Case # 2

Cornelius

1. Did Cornelius Receive Holy Spirit Baptism?

- Acts 10:45 – “also”
- Acts 10:47 – “as well as we”
- Acts 11:15ff
 - v. 15 - “as on us at the beginning”
 - v. 16 - Reminded of Acts 1 & 2
 - v. 17 – “like gift”
- Acts 15:8 – “even as he did unto us”

Case # 2

Cornelius

1. Did Cornelius Receive Holy Spirit Baptism?
2. What Was the Purpose?

To prove that the Gentiles
are now gospel subjects
Acts 11:18

Holy Spirit Baptism Has Ceased



- A. Two Cases in the New Testament
- B. What Those with HSB Could Do
 - Speak with other tongues (Acts 2:4-11; 10:46)
 - Heal the lame (Acts 3:6-11; 4:14, 16, 22)
 - Strike one dead (Acts 5:7-10)
 - Raise the dead (Acts 9:36-41; 20:9-12)
 - Strike one blind (Acts 13:7-11)
 - Speak without taking thought (Mt. 10:19)
 - Impart miraculous gifts (Acts 8:17-18)



Holy Spirit Baptism Has Ceased

- A. Two Cases in the New Testament
- B. What Those with HSB Could Do
- C. Today There is One Baptism



Eph. 4:5

One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Holy Spirit Baptism

Spirit
(Acts 1:5)

Christ
(John 1:33)

Promise
(Acts 1:4-5)

Reveal Truth
(John 16:13)

Element

Administer

Nature

Purpose

Water Baptism

Water
(Acts 8:38)

Men
(Matt. 28:19)

Command
(Mark 16:16)

To Save
(Mark 16:16)

We Believe Miracles Have Ceased

- I. The Purpose is Accomplished
- II. Holy Spirit Baptism Has Ceased
- III. Would Cease With Complete Revelation



Would
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Spiritual Gifts (1 Cor. 12-14)



Enumeration of the Gifts
(Chapter 12)

Duration of the Gifts
(Chapter 13)

Regulation of the Gifts
(Chapter 14)



Would
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1. Word of wisdom
2. Word of knowledge
3. Faith
4. Gifts of healing
5. Working of miracles
6. Prophecy
7. Discerning of spirits
8. Tongues
9. Interpretation of tongues



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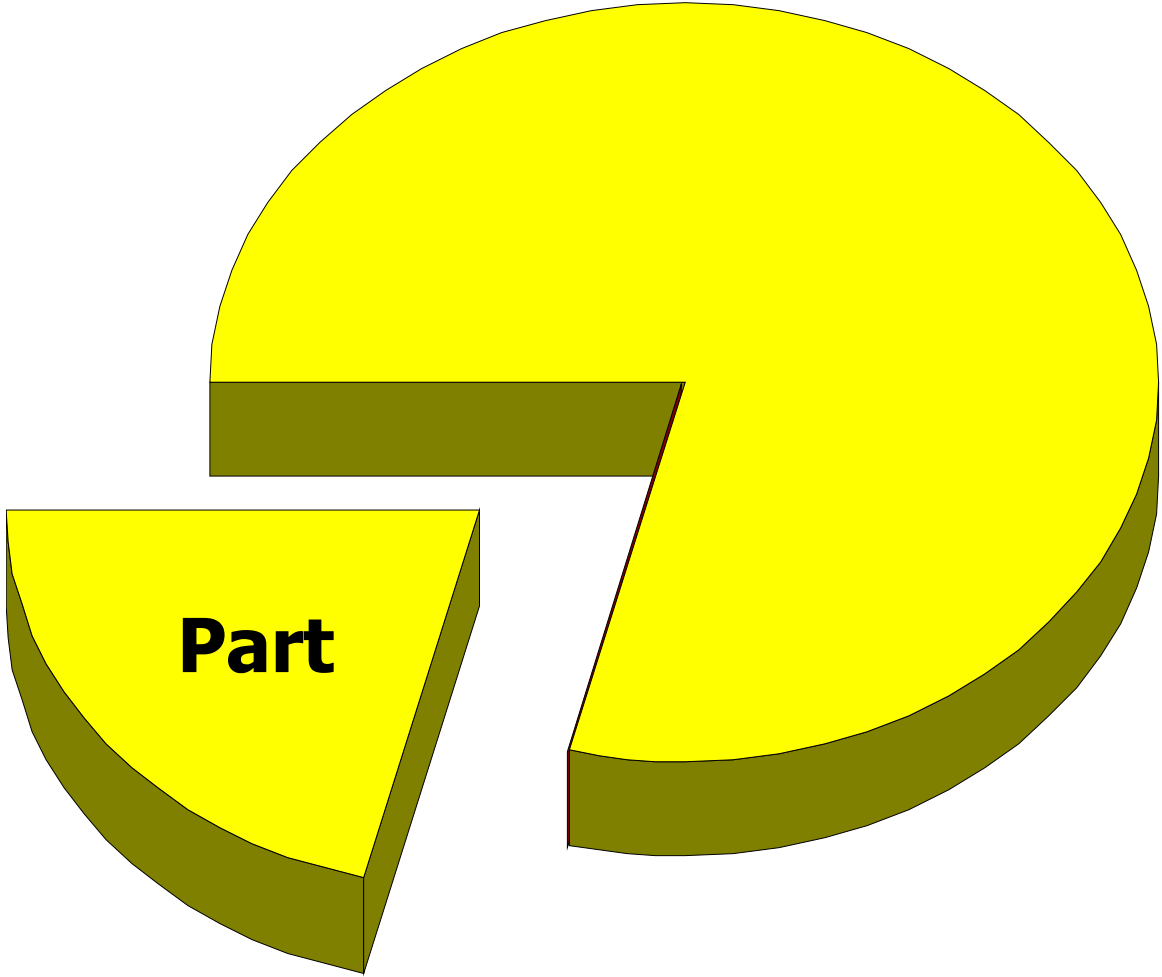
8 Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

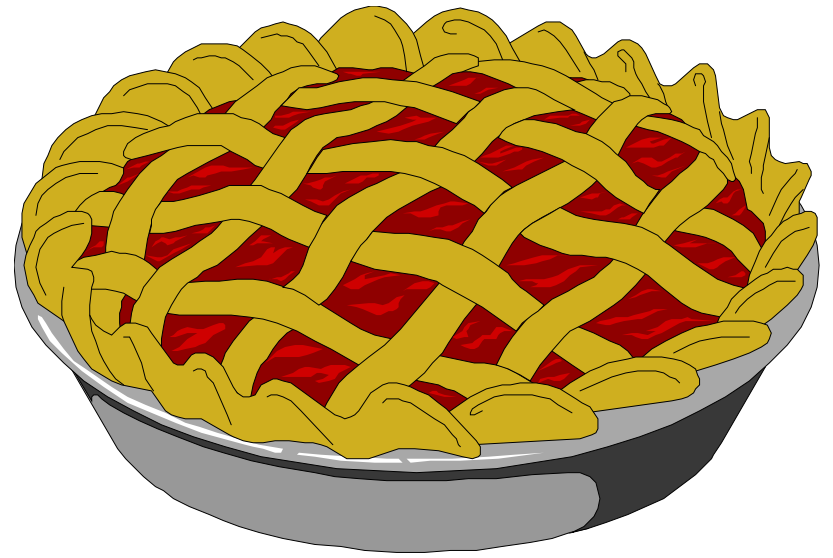
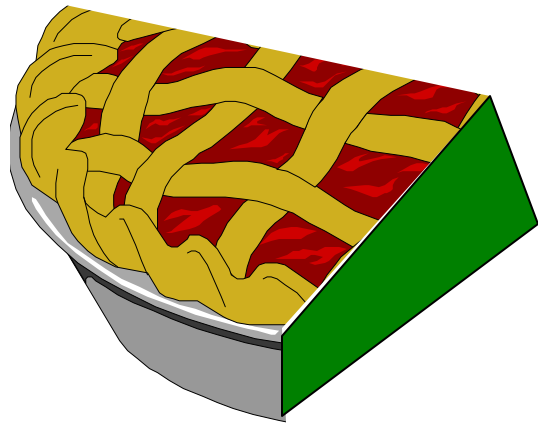
9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

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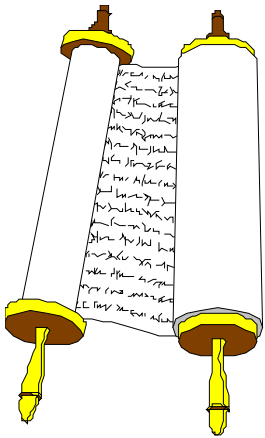
- 1. Thayer:** *“brought to its end, finished; wanting nothing necessary to completeness; perfect...”* (p. 618).
- 2. Vines:** *“signifies having reached its end (telos), finished, complete, perfect”* (Vol. III, pp. 174-175).
- 3. Strongs:** *“complete”* (#5046).
- 4. Liddell & Scott:** *“Complete, perfect, entire”* (p. 696).





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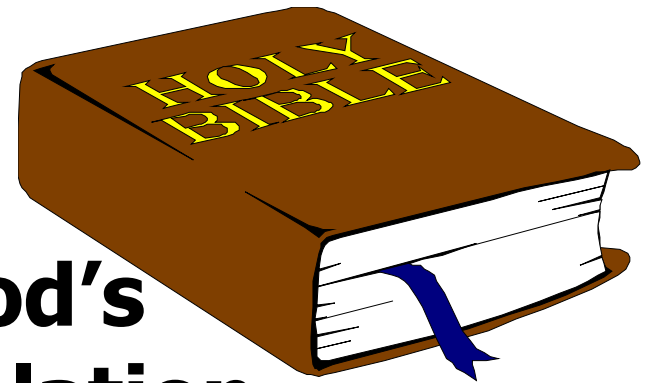
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**God's
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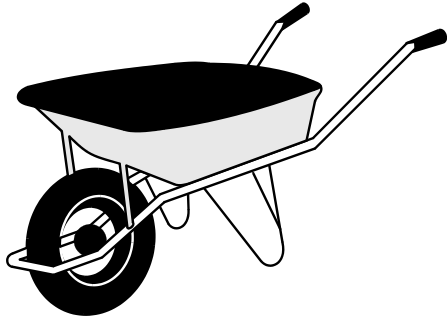
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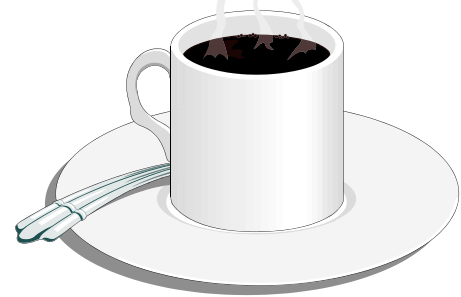
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Partial Revelation



NOT



Coming of Christ



Partial Revelation



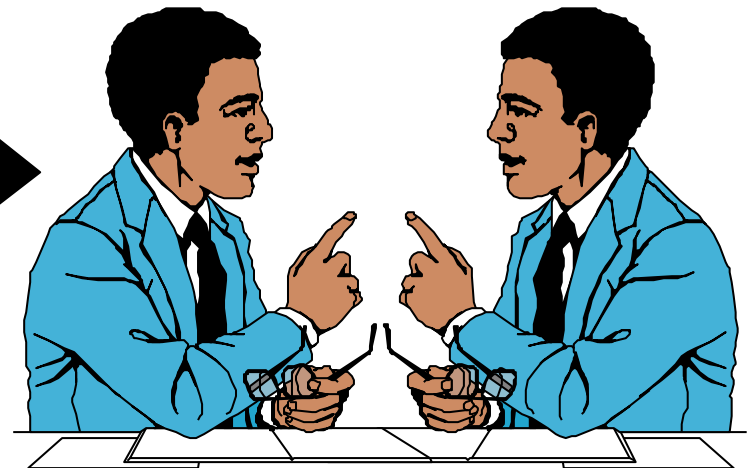
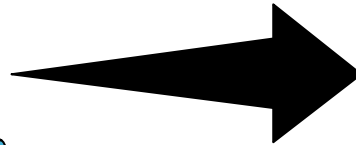
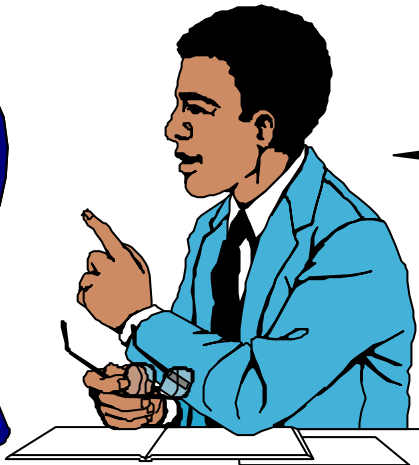
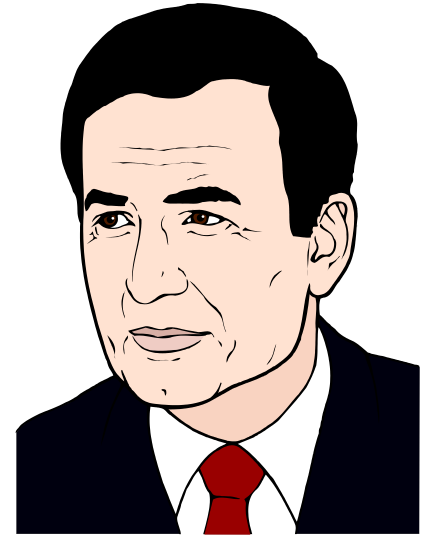
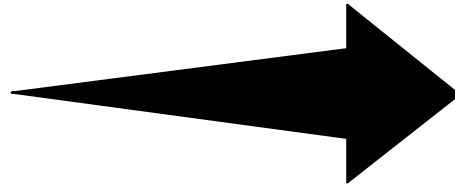
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Complete Revelation



Illustrations Given In The Text



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No
Evidence
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Today



- A. Speak with tongues (Acts 2:4-11; 10:46)
- B. Do wonders and signs (Acts 2:43)
- C. Heal the lame (Acts 3:6-11; 4:14, 16, 22)
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Can Those Who Make The Claim To Have Holy Spirit Baptism Do These Things?



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