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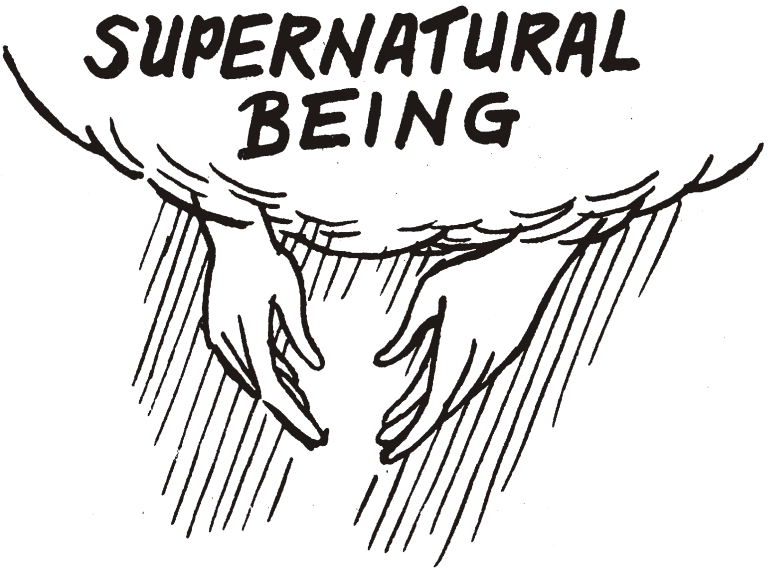


Matt. 4:4, "*But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*"

John 4:14, "*But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."*

Most people eat, but remain hungry

Is Nature all there is?



Psalms 19:1, "*The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.*"

Rom. 1:10, "*For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*"

A mind is behind nature

Spirits are invisible



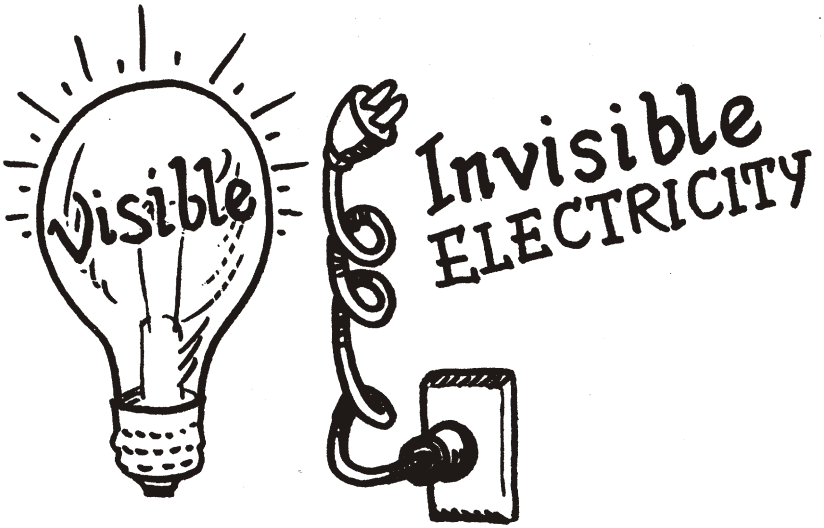
Luke 24:39, "*Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.*"

1 Tim. 1:17, "*Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.*"

Man has an invisible spirit within and a visible body without.

The part of man like God (man's spirit) is invisible & eternal.

Spirits are manifested (made seeable)



2 Cor. 4:18, "*While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.*"

1 Cor. 12:7, "*But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.*"

Is electricity unreal, because unseen?

God's Spirit has made diversified appearances

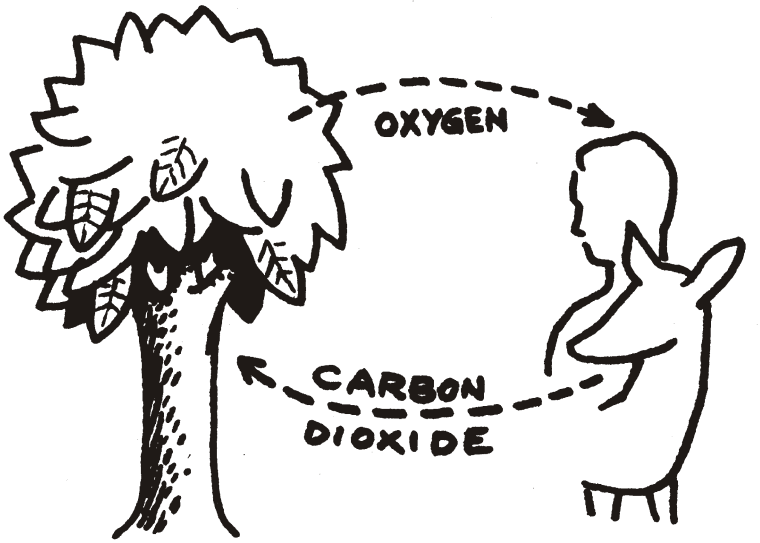


1 Cor. 12:4-6, "*Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.*"

1 Cor. 12:11, "*But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.*"

Different purposes required diversity

Nature's marvels witness for God

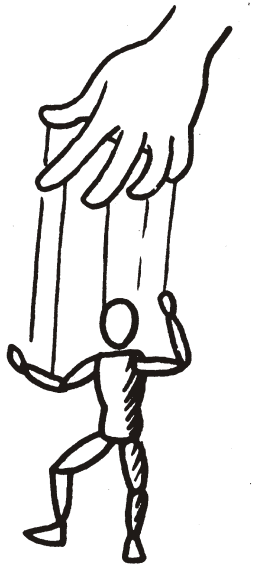


Acts 14:17, "*Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.*"

Heb. 3:4, "*For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.*"

Nature's design implies a designer

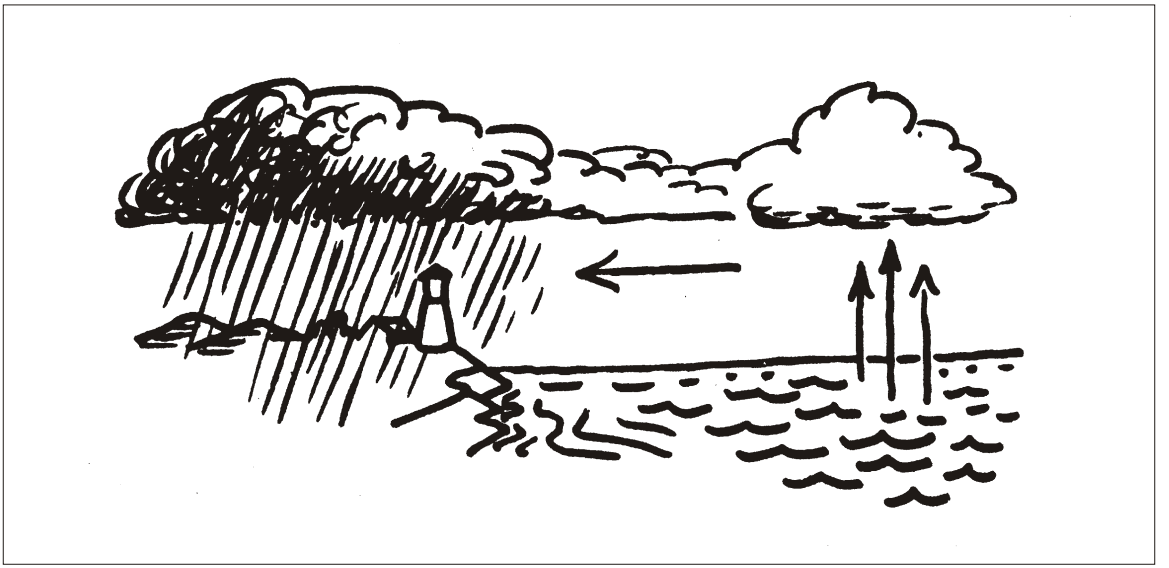
Answered prayer is God pulling nature's strings



James 5:16-18, "*Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.*"

God controls and manipulates nature

God used a cloud to answer Elijah's prayer



1 Kings 18:44, "*And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down that the rain stop thee not.*"

God could have caused rain without a cloud (miracle), but supernaturally answered prayer can be non-miraculous

God began all things by miracles



Gen. 1:1, "*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*"

Gen. 1:27, "*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*"

God's wondrous power is seen in miraculous creation

But God never created another man



Gen. 1:28, "*And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*"

Job 10:18, "*Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me!*"

Miraculously created man reproduces by natural laws

The Bible was created by miraculous inspiration



2 Tim. 3:16, "*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*"

2 Pet. 1:21, "*For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*"

2 Tim. 2:2, "*And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*"

But it is reproduced by non-miraculous teaching

God can heal in answering prayer without miracles



Phil. 2:27, "*For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.*"

James 5:15, "*And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.*"

God manipulates the body's healing processes so as to heal

A miracle contradicts natural law



John 3:2, "*The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.*"

Exo. 7:9, "*When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent.*"

A water skier can walk on water in conforming to nature's laws, but Jesus walked on water miraculously

Jesus commanded the storm to stop, and the elements of nature obeyed

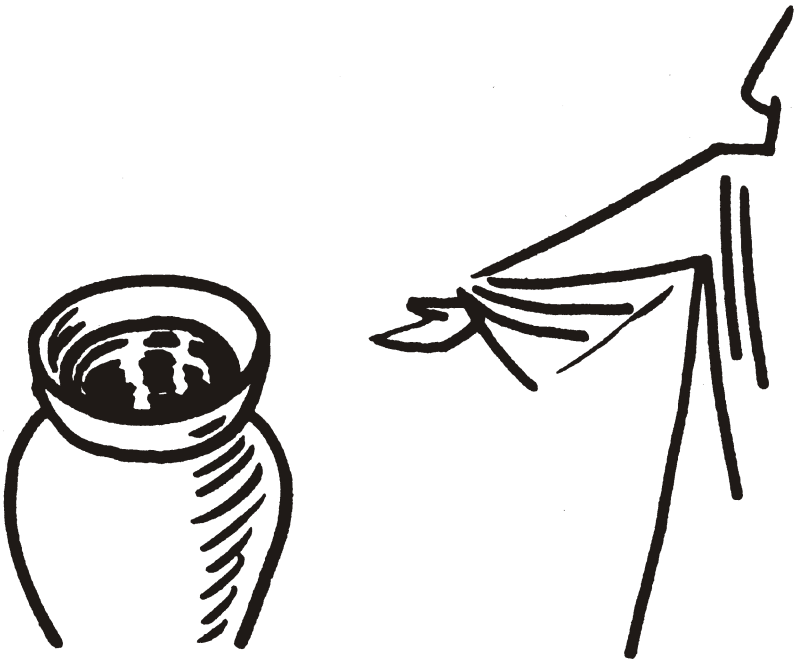


Matt. 8:27, "*But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!*"

Matt. 9:8, "*But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.*"

Witnesses knew that an act of God beyond nature's power had been done

God's grape vines change water into wine every growing season

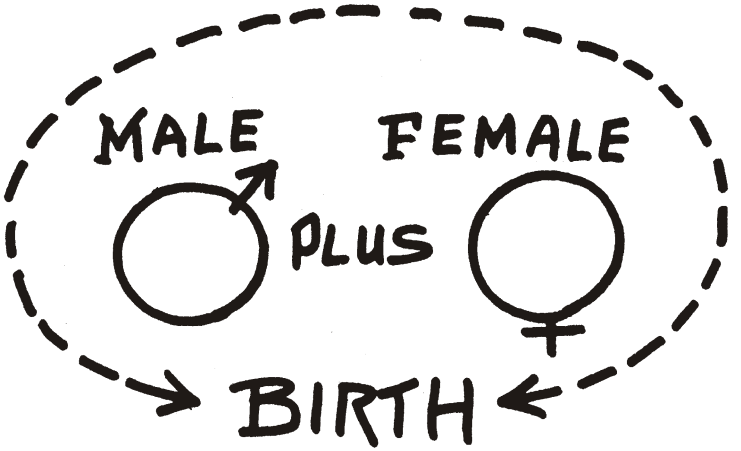


John 2:11, "*This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.*"

But Jesus superceded nature to show that He was the Son of God

A virgin birth contradicts nature!

If there is no power above nature, science says that it cannot happen.



Luke 1:34, "*Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?*"

John 1:14, "*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*"

We would expect a supernatural birth if Jesus was a supernatural being

Jesus raised those actually dead!

Lazarus had been dead four days.



John 11:39, "*Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.*"

Luke 8:53, "*And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead.*"

Natural law cannot recover a person who is actually dead

The immediate effect of miracles was amazement, wonder, and fear

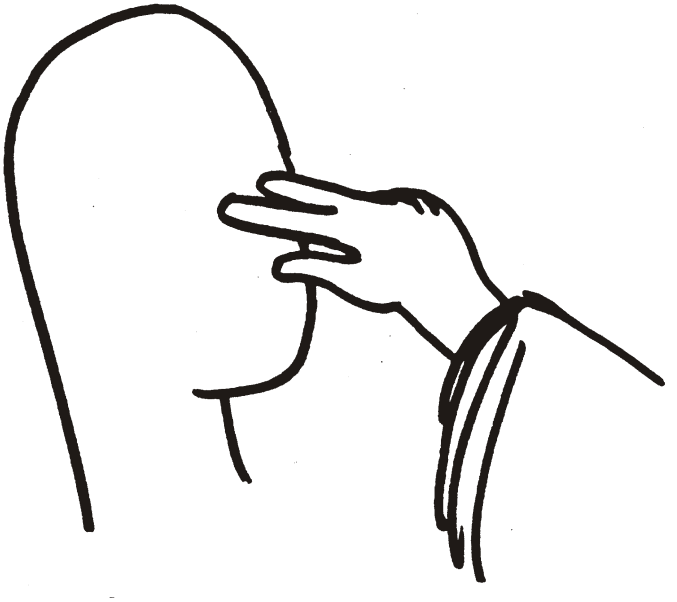


Mark 5:33, "*But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.*"

Luke 7:16, "*And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.*"

Miracles were incredible acts which only could be done by the power of God

Miracles showed that Jesus was the Son of God in human flesh



John 20:31, "*But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.*"

Their purpose was to show His diety — miracles are understood only when their purpose is understood

Miracles also showed God's compassion:

If Jesus was God's Son, He would demonstrate God's merciful sympathy



Matt. 14:14, "*And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.*"

Heb. 4:15, "*For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*"

God walking among suffering men would be touched as Jesus was

A central purpose of miracles was to prove and authenticate God's oral and written Word



Mark 16:20, "*And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.*"

Heb. 2:4, "*God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will*"

Miracles confirmed God's revealed message

A truth once confirmed is thereafter forever confirmed



Gal. 3:15, "*Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.*"

John 20:29, "*Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.*"

I believe Lincoln died, I believe Jesus died, without seeing either re-enacted

The miracles of Jesus were written down that readers might fully believe

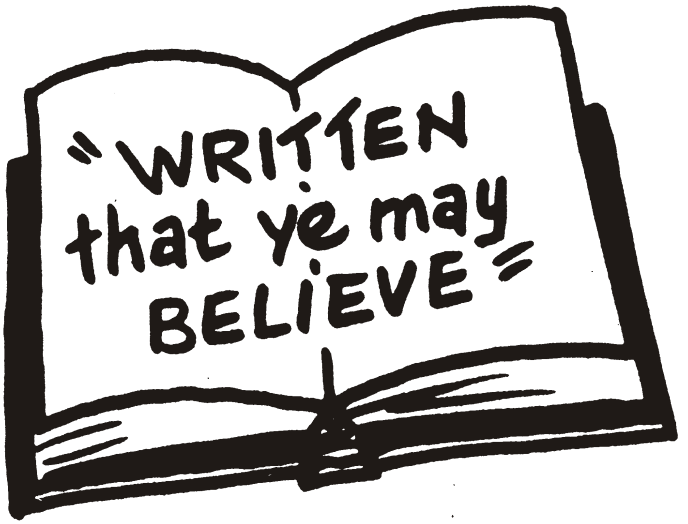


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Eph. 3:3-5, "*How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;*"

The miracles of Jesus were written in scripture, and the miracle of inspiration recorded them

The Bible says men won't believe miracles if they won't believe inspired scripture



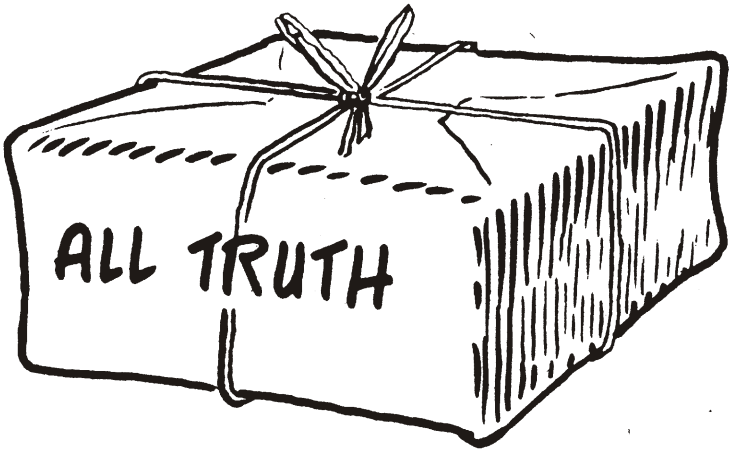
Luke 16:31, "*And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.*"

Rom. 10:17, "*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*"

If men seek God's will, "It is written", if they seek sensationalism, they will seek a miracle in vain

Christ's Apostles were guided into "all truth"

(No more truth can be revealed)

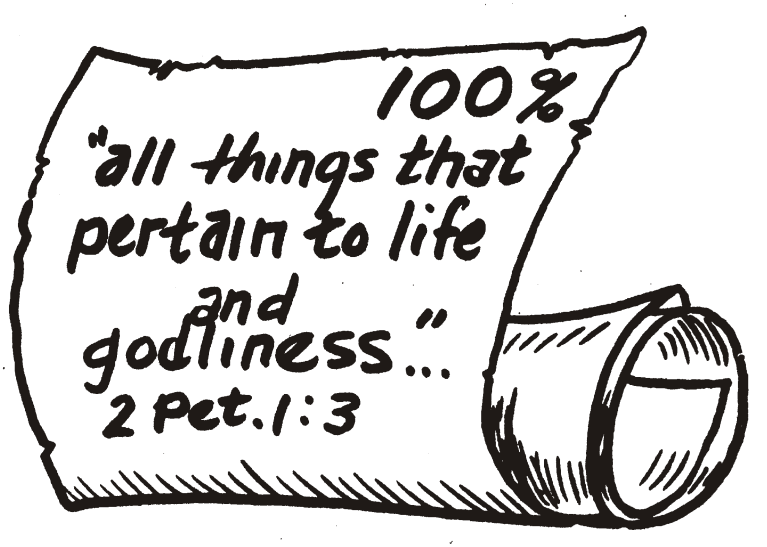


John 16:13, "*Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*"

John 14:25-26, "*These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*"

All revealed truth from God was once for all given through the apostles whom Jesus taught

All scripture inspired of God throughly furnishes us unto every good work



2 Pet. 1:3, "*According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, ...*"

2 Tim. 3:16-17, "*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.*"

If by scripture our work can be perfect, what more or what else could we need?

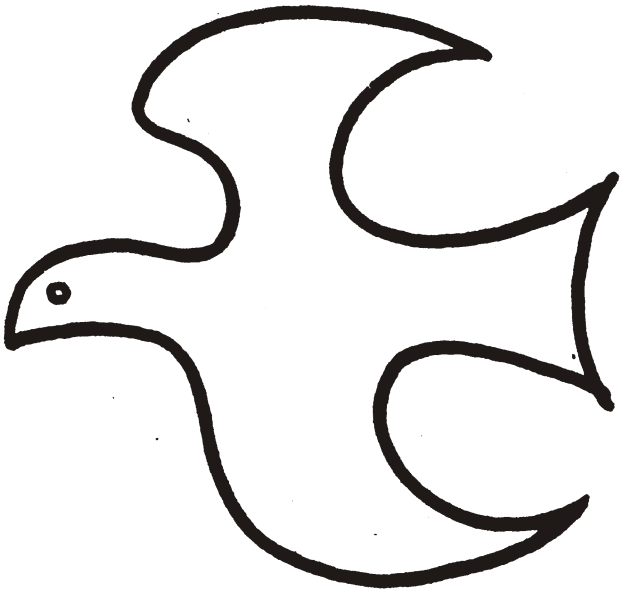
The Holy Spirit was given in different ways for diversified purposes to be fulfilled



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Every manifestation in scripture does not happen to me today

Just because a manifestation of God's Spirit was given for a special purpose does not mean that it was promised to me today



John 1:32, "*And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.*"

Here is a promise of the Spirit — has it happened to you today?

"Where is my dove?" I could ask, "It was promised in scripture by God"



John 1:33-34, "*And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.*"

Every promised appearance had a purpose, and the purpose does not exist today

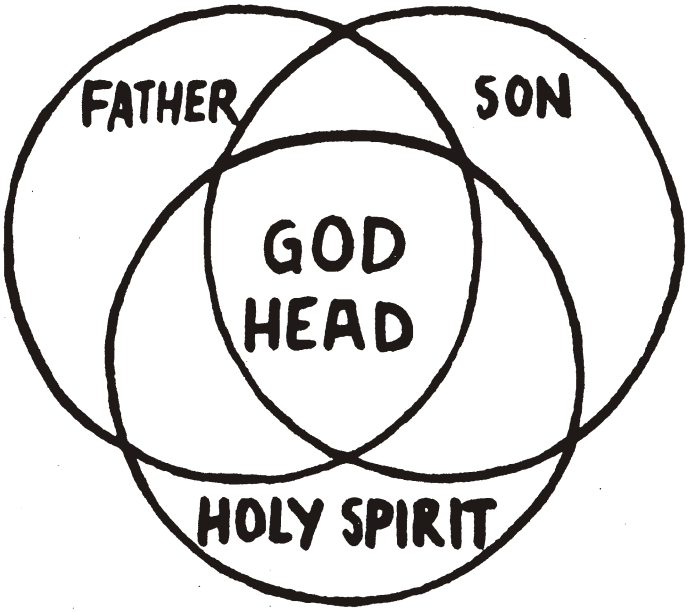
The body of Jesus was begotten by the Holy Spirit, was yours?



Matt. 1:20, "*But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.*"

Just because it is in the Bible doesn't mean that it happens to me.

Jesus shares with the Spirit in the Godhead, do you?



Col. 2:9, "*For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.*"

Matt. 28:19, "*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*"

It's in the Bible about the Spirit, but it doesn't mean me at all

Jesus received the promise to send the Spirit from heaven, but I can't!



Acts 2:33, "*Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.*"

Should I expect to receive the promise because it is in the Bible?

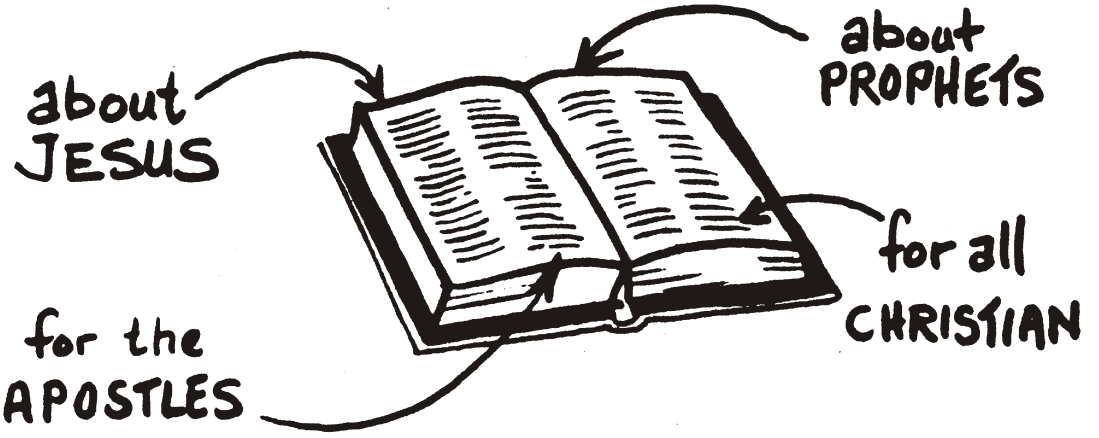
Diverse purposes required diverse manifestations

(To Jesus) Godhead	(To His Apostles) Overwhelming
(To inspired prophets) Inspiration	(To all Christians) Indwelling

How the Holy Spirit was given

(To Jesus)	(To His Apostles)
His body fathered Descended as dove Together in Godhead Sent Spirit from heaven	Fiery tongues on heads Sound as rushing wind Spoke unlearned languages As empowered by the Spirit
(To inspired prophets)	**(To all Christians)**
By laying on Apostles' hands Miraculous inspiration Nine gifts or powers To reveal, confirm message	Indwelling gift God's presence, power God in His temple Non-miraculous

Rightly dividing the Word of Truth requires the right application of gifts

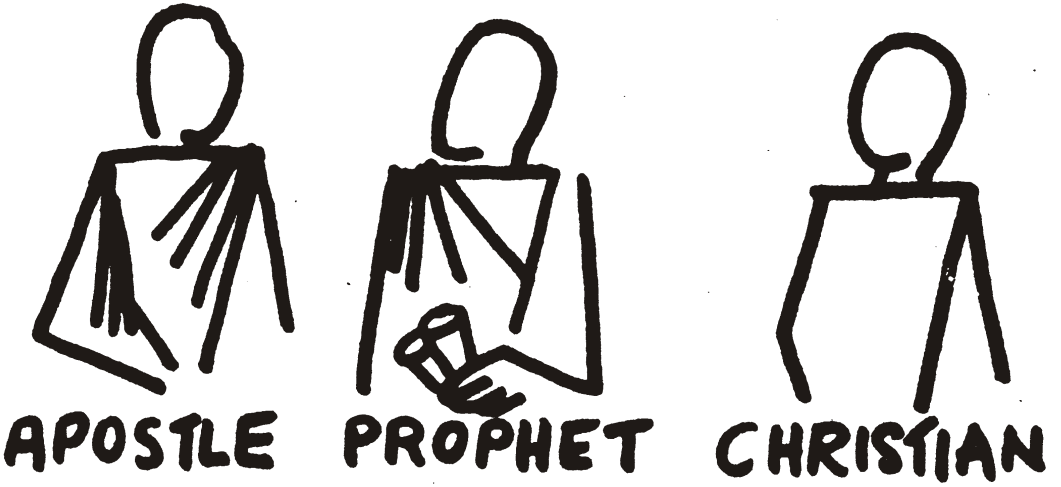


2 Tim. 2:15, "*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*"

2 Pet. 3:16, "*As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.*"

I can wrest (twist) the scripture to my own destruction

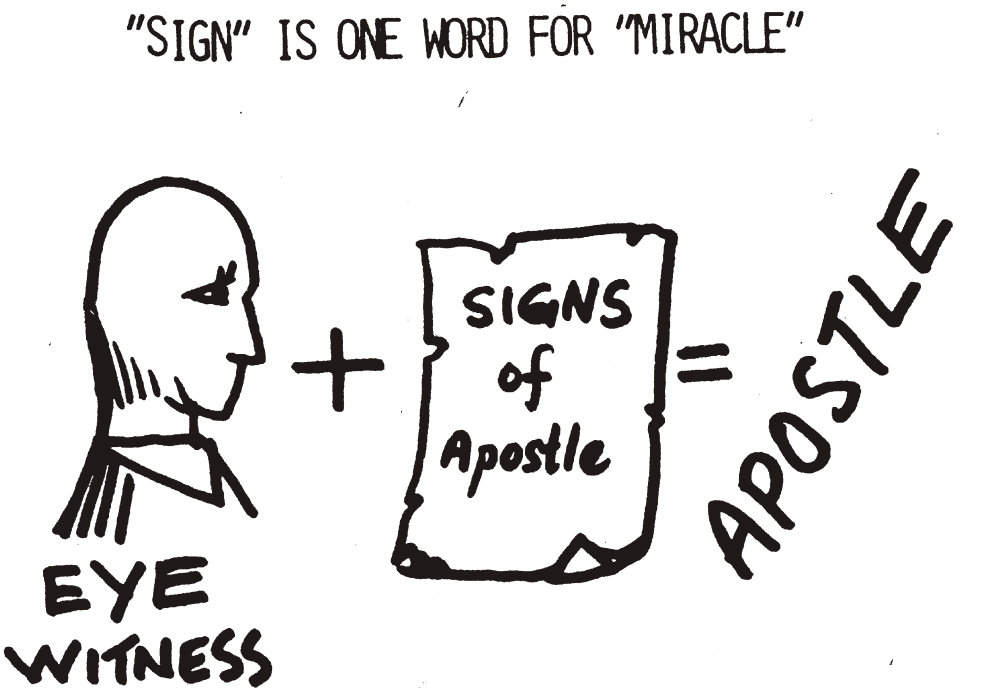
Are all Apostles?
Are all prophets?



1 Cor. 12:28-29, "*And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?*"

Don't claim promises made to Apostles unless you are an Apostle

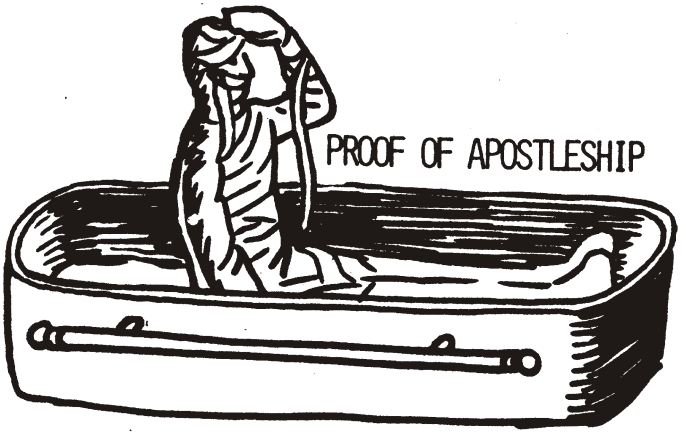
Can Christians today show the signs of an Apostle?



2 Cor. 12:12, "*Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.*"

Can you work the miracles of an Apostle?

Raising the dead was one of the miracles of the Apostles



Matt. 10:2, 5, 8, "*Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ... These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: ... Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.*"

Peter did! Acts 9:40, "*But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.*"

Paul did! Acts 20:9-10, "*And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.*"

Casting out demons was one of the signs (miracles) of the Apostles

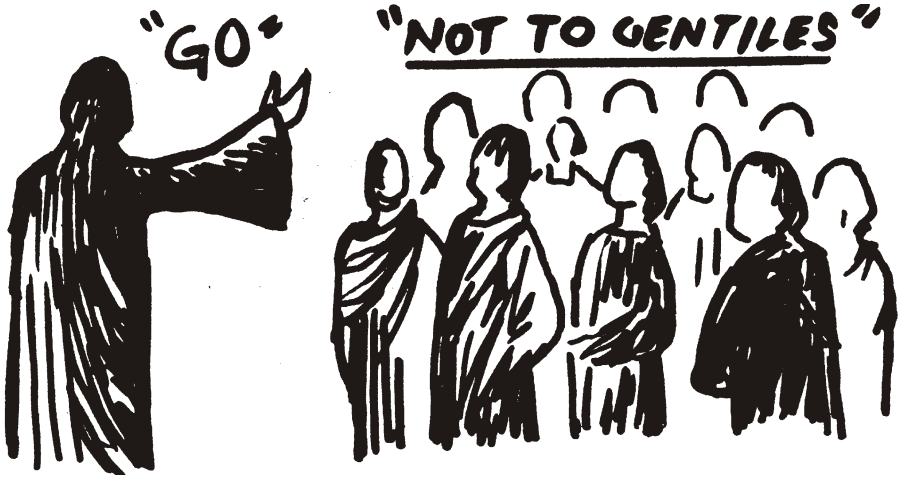
Mark 16:17-18, "*And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*"

Matt. 10:1, "*And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.*"

Matt. 10:5, 8, "*These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: ... Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils ...*"

Only the Apostles had the power to cast out demons

Why do some claim promises to the Apostles, but don't obey commands that went with them?



Matt. 10:5, 9-10, "*These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: ... Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.*"

Men today take gold, 2 coats, shoes, and go to the Gentiles

Rightly divide commands to the Apostles from commands to Christians

Jesus promised apostolic powers to His Apostles, and then confirmed their words with signs following!

Eleven **Apostles** believed not v. 14	Signs to follow believing **Apostles** v. 17-18	Lord worked signs with **Apostles** v. 20

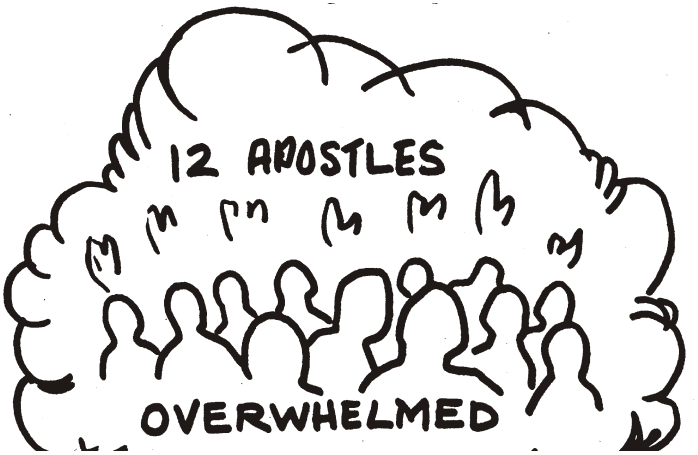
Mark 16:14, "*Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.*"

Mark 16:17, "*And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;*"

Mark 16:20, "*And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.*"

Not all believers in all the world were promised these powers!

Twelve Apostles, not 120 others, received apostolic power at Pentecost



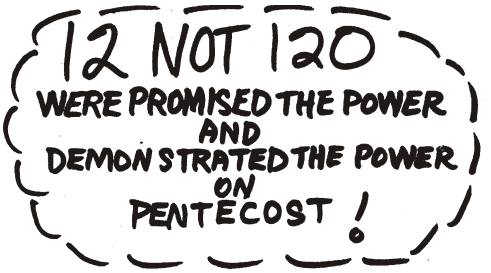
Acts 1:5, "*For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*"

Acts 1:8, "*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*"

Ye who? Acts 1:2, "*Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:*"

"Them" to whom Jesus promised apostolic power were <u>Apostles</u>.

Proof that the miraculous powers came upon the Apostles at Pentecost



Acts 1:8, "*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." "Ye"* meant "men of Galilee" (Acts 1:11, "*... Ye men of Galilee ....*")

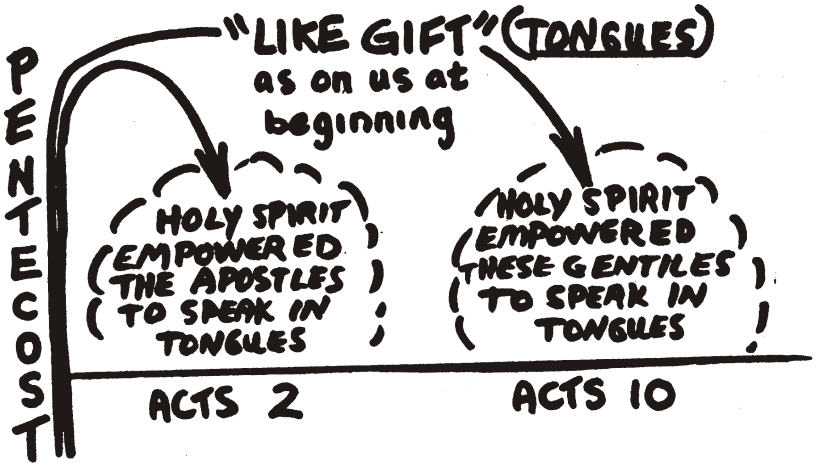
Acts 2:1, "*And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." "They" refers back to "eleven" plus Matthias in Acts 1:26, "... and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.*"

Acts 2:7, "*... Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?" (not women, nor men from Judea and Jerusalem — Acts 2:13-14, "Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:*"

Acts 2:37, "*Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?*"

The apostles were overwhelmed in God's Spirit at Pentecost

Peter said that Cornelius received the <u>like gift</u> as had come on the Apostles at the beginning!



Acts 10:46, "*For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. ...*"

Acts 11:15, "*And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, <u>as on us at the beginning</u>.*"

Acts 11:17, "*Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?*"

God had a special purpose for this same gift upon a Gentile family

Let scripture explain the purpose of direct empowering for Cornelius instead of concluding that all are to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. Why was he thus empowered?

He was a non-Jew (Gentile). Acts 10:28, 35, 45, "*And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean. ... But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. ... And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.*"

Peter perceived that God was no respecter of persons. Acts 10:34-35, "*Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.*"

The Jews were astonished that the Holy Spirit fell on the Gentiles. Acts 10:45, "*And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.*"

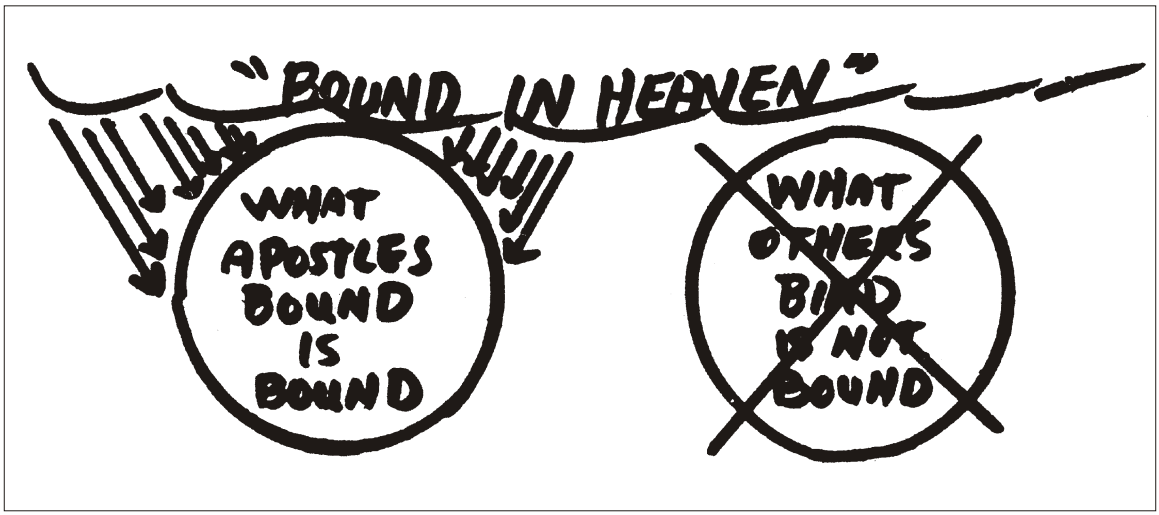
Peter was convinced to baptize them. Acts 10:47, "*Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?*"

This like gift proved that the Gentiles were granted repentance unto life. Acts 11:17-18, "*Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.*"

Peter explained that the appearance of the Holy Spirit in this manner was God's witness to accept the Gentiles. Acts 15:7-9, "*And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.*"

The fact of Gentile acceptance once confirmed was never confirmed again

Jesus made unique promises of power to His Apostles who were to bring into the world the complete Word of Truth



Acts 1:8, "*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: ...*"

John 15:26, "*But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:*"

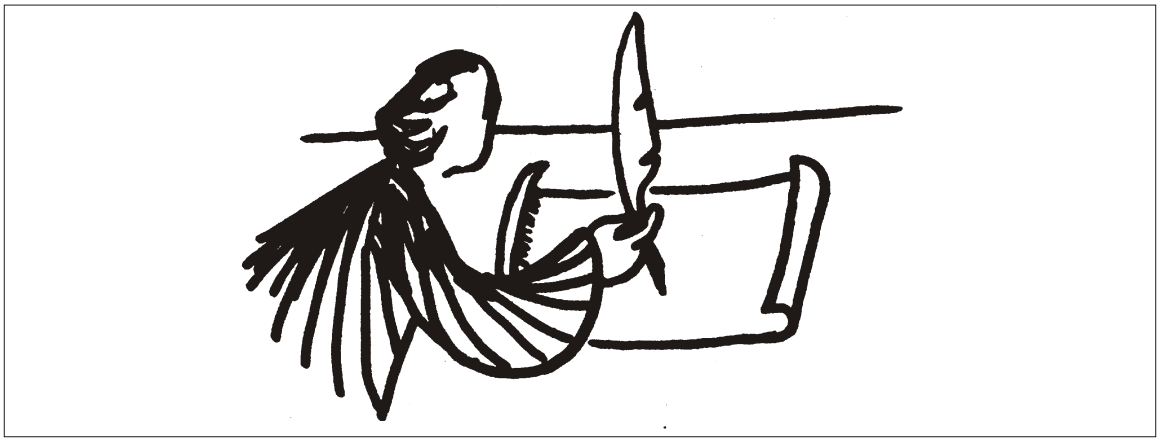
John 16:13, "*Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: ...*"

Matt. 18:18, "*Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*"

1 Cor. 12:28-29, "*And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?*"

What I bind on earth is not bound in heaven!

"All truth" came through the Apostles and them upon whom Apostles' hands were laid

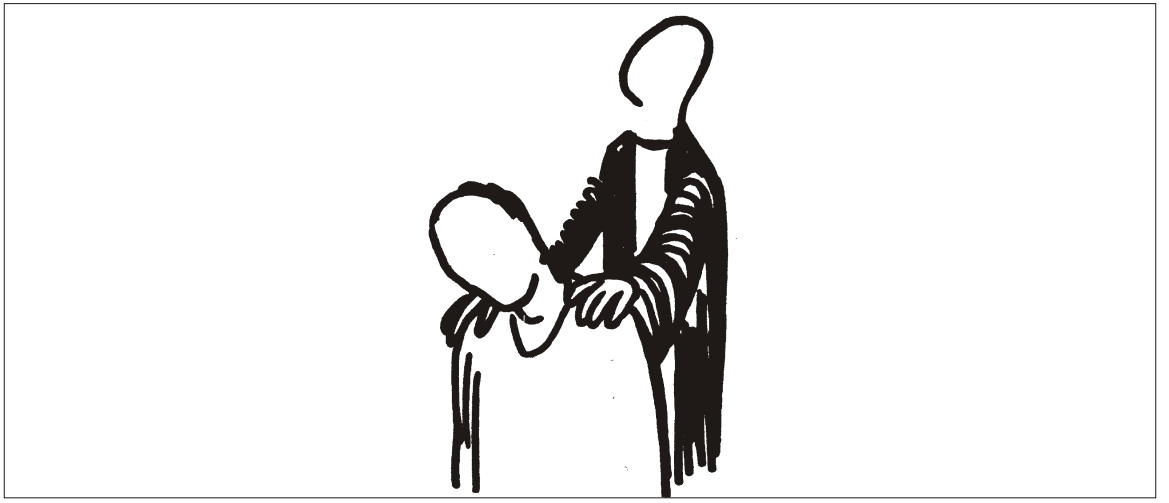


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The Apostles and those upon whom their hands were laid wrote all New Testament books.

Some Truth came through the laying on of Apostles' hands



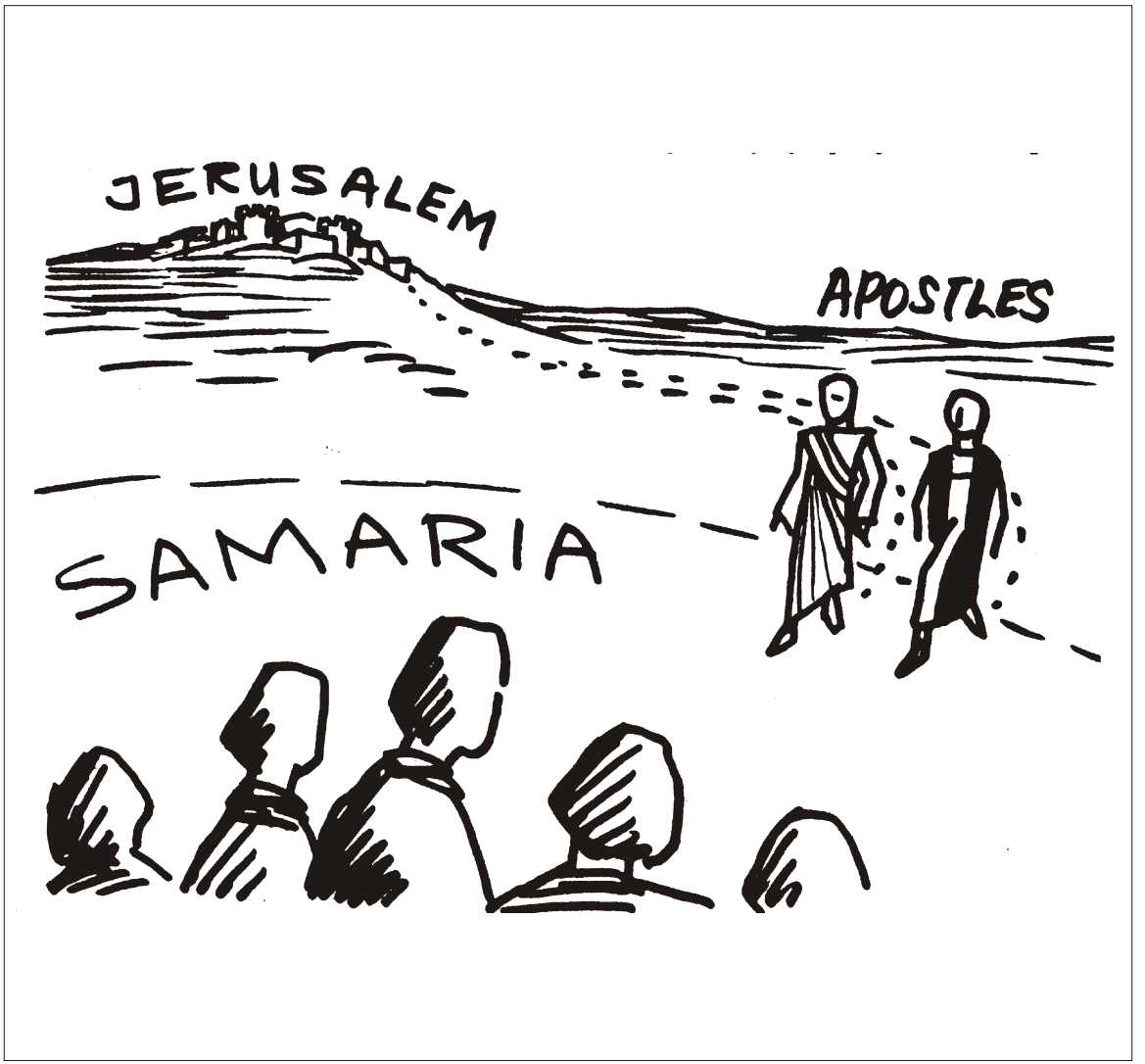
Eph. 3:5, "*Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;*"

1 Cor. 12:28, "*And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.*"

Eph. 4:11, "*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;*"

The Apostles gave powers of oral and written inspiration to others

Only the Apostles gave powers of inspiration by laying on their hands



Apostles had to come to Samaria to do what Philip, an evangelist, could not do.

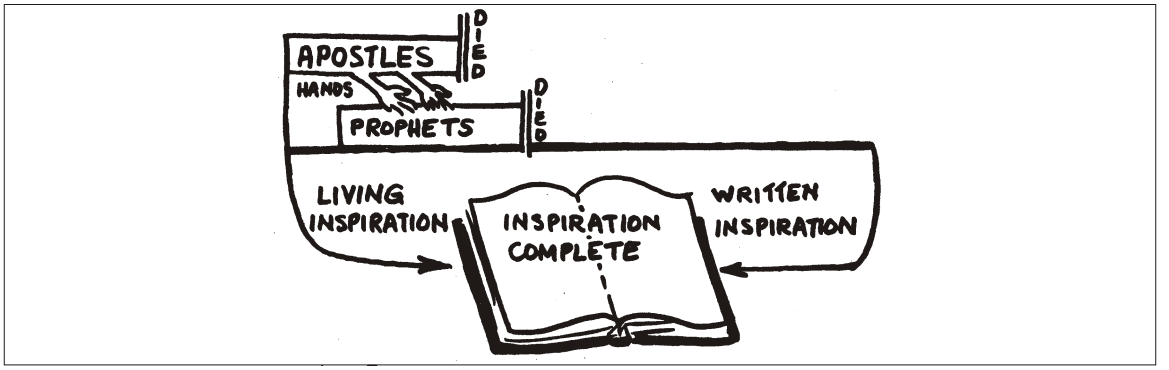
Acts 8:14-18, "*Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,*"

2 Tim. 1:6, "*Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands."Inspiration came through the Apostles*

Acts 19:6, "*And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.*"

Inspiration came through the Apostles

God's timetable allowed inspiration to cease when the Apostles and prophets had all died



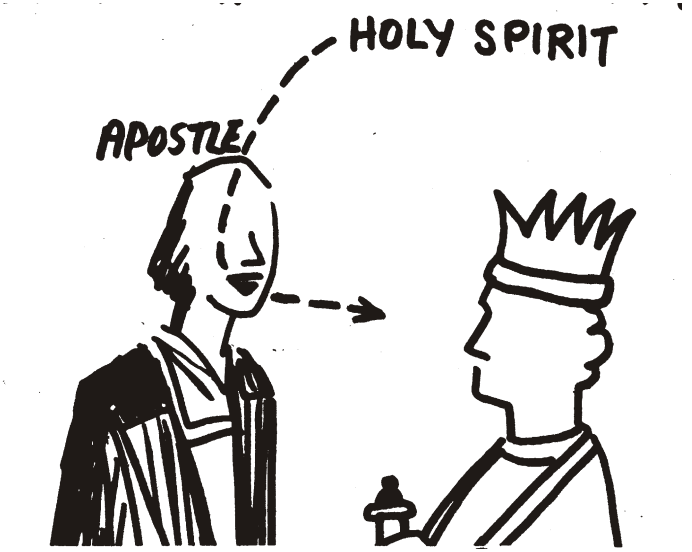
Jude 1:3, "*Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*"

1 Cor. 15:8, "*And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.*"

Rev. 22:18-19, "*For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*"

Inspiration ceased with Apostles and prophets

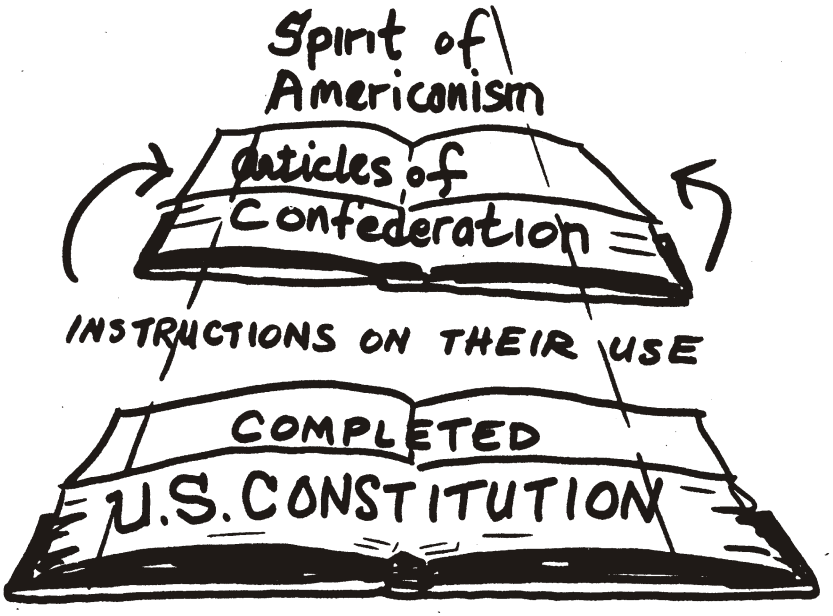
Some New Testament teaching must be rightly divided to apply to inspired Apostles and prophets and not to us TODAY!



Matt. 10:19-20, "*But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.*"

We today have been given what to speak: written completely in scripture

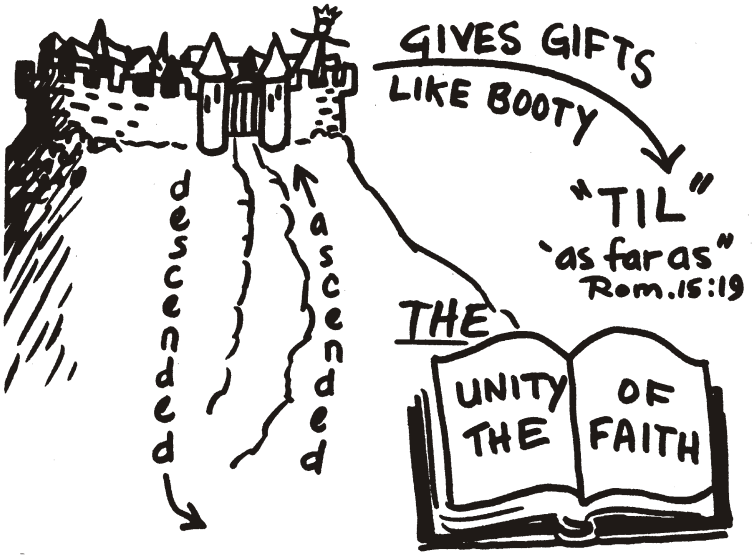
1 Cor. Chapters 12-14 are instructions to inspired people before the scripture was completed



Americans do not apply to the present the temporary rules in the Articles of Confederation, since we now are under the U. S. Constitution and are no longer under these articles.

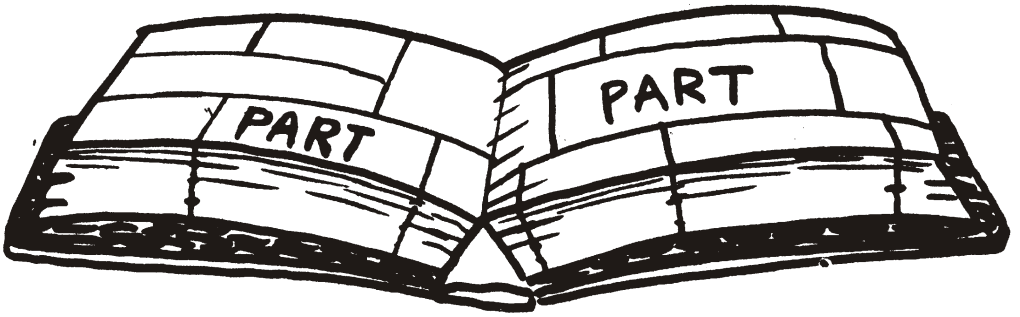
We study to rightly divide

Jesus gave miraculous gifts … "TIL" … "THE UNITY OF THE FAITH"



Eph. 4:7-8, 11, 13, "*But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. … And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; … Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*"

The "Unity of the Faith" was the faith as a unit (completely revealed)

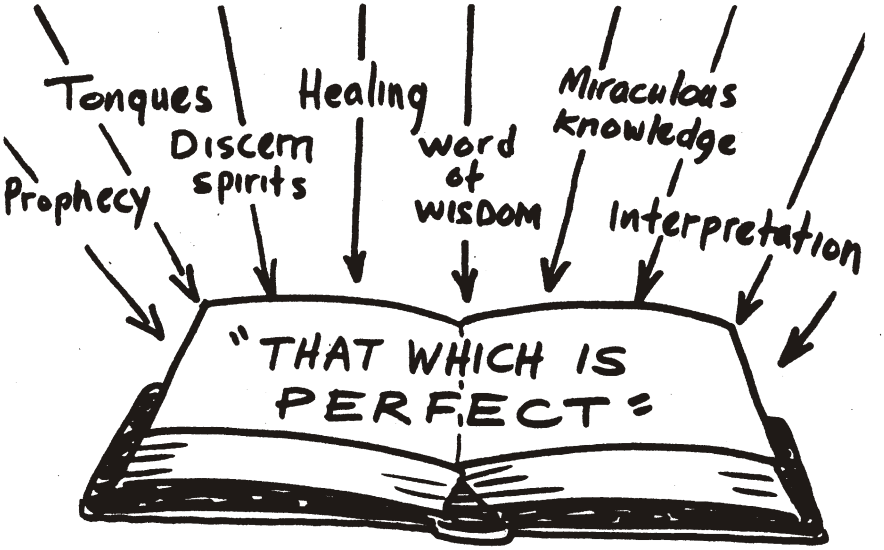


ALL THE "PARTS" OF GOD'S REVELATION MADE UP THE COMPLETE REVELATION, "THAT WHICH IS PERFECT"

1 Cor. 13:9-10, "For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away."

We do not expect more "Parts" (miraculous revelations) to be added to God's perfect revelation

Incomplete revelations gave way to completed scripture

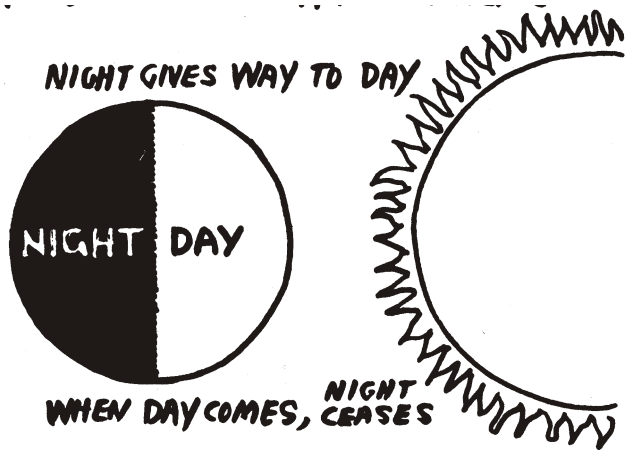


Just as an author will write separate pages and chapters, then put them all together to make a complete book, so part-by-part temporary gifts of inspiration are now replaced by the complete revelation.

Eph. 3:4, "*Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ*"

God's perfect revelation has come

The miraculous gifts of prophecy, tongues, and revealed knowledge, were designed and planned to cease

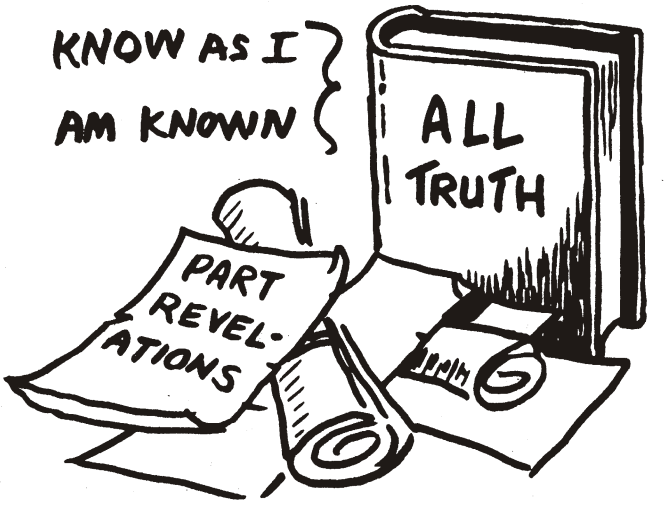


1 Cor. 13:8, "*Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.*"

(Gifts of miraculous knowledge and prophecy) 1 Cor. 13:2, "*And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.*"

The same Bible which says miraculous revelations happened, says they ceased

God's complete revelation in scripture is "better" than the temporary and part-by-part miraculous gifts

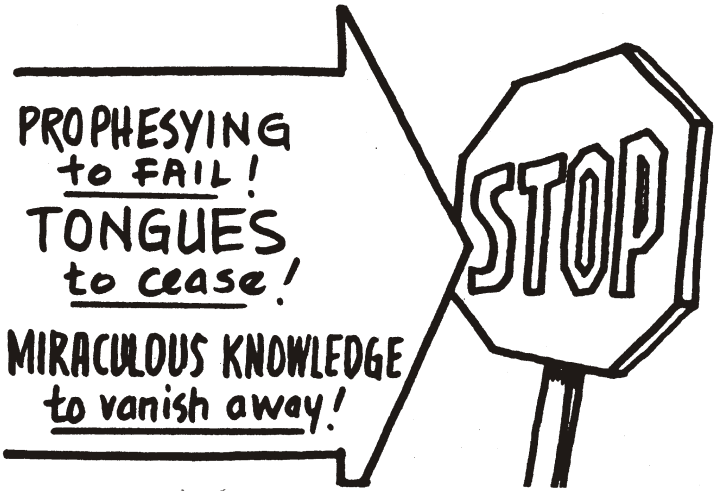


1 Cor. 12:31, "*But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.*"

1 Coe. 13:12, "*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.*"

A complete revelation is better than parts, and a permanent one is better than that which is temporary!

Strong, plain words are used to describe the certain cessation of miraculous gifts

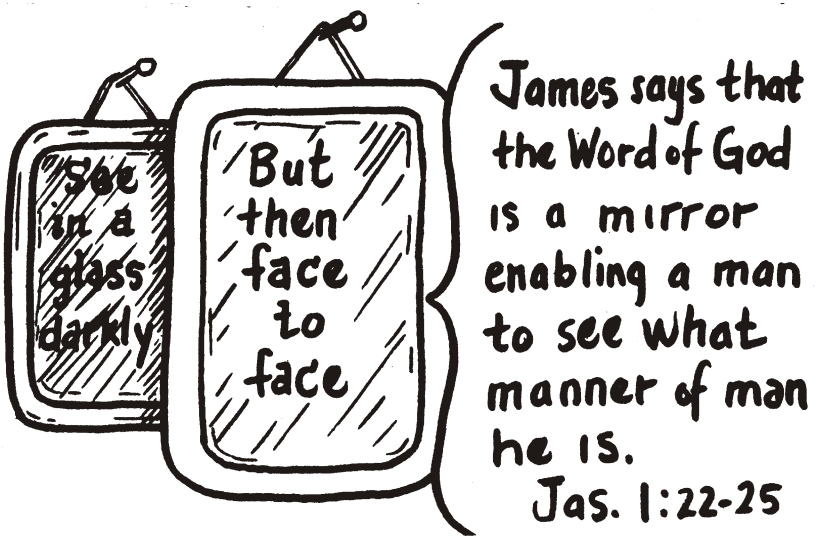


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1 Cor. 13:10, "*But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.*"

What stronger words could have been used to say that miraculous powers of inspiration were to stop?

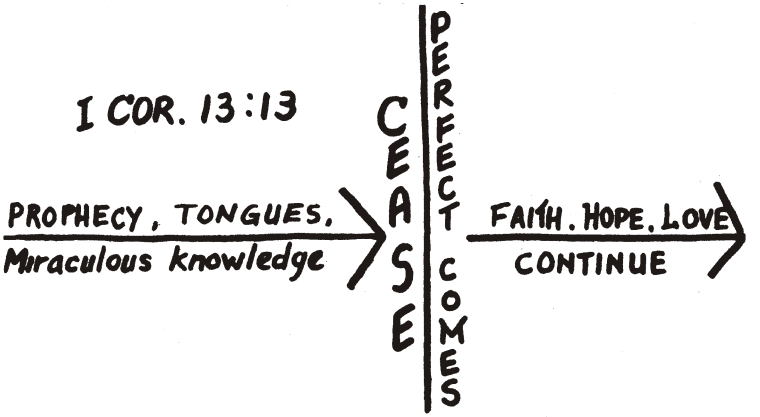
Paul likens temporary part-by-part revelations to a dark mirror compared to the complete scripture



James 1:22-24, "*But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.*"

The scriptures reflect a man as he really is — face-to-face

Faith, Hope and Love will abide when prophecy, tongues, and miraculous knowledge cease at the coming of that which is perfect



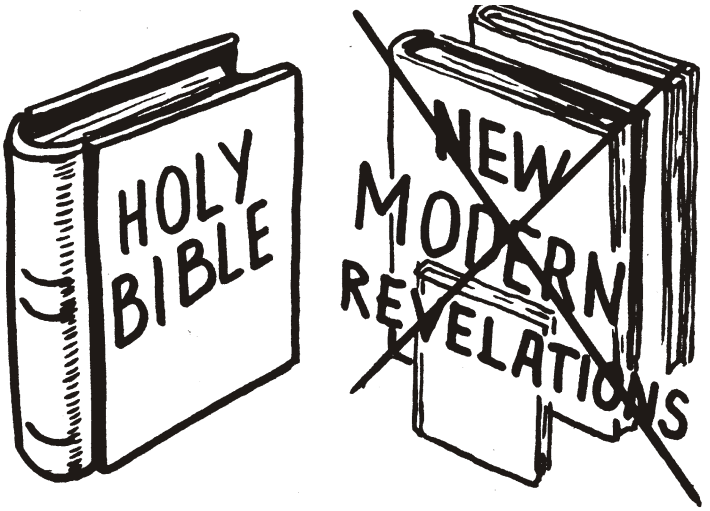
"*That which is perfect*" could not mean Christ's second coming or heaven because at that time faith and hope will not continue.

Rom. 8:24-25. "*For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.*"

Heb. 11:1, "*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*"

Faith and Hope did abide at the completion of scripture

Since the Holy Spirit's message is both perfect and complete in the scriptures, He does not speak in any other way

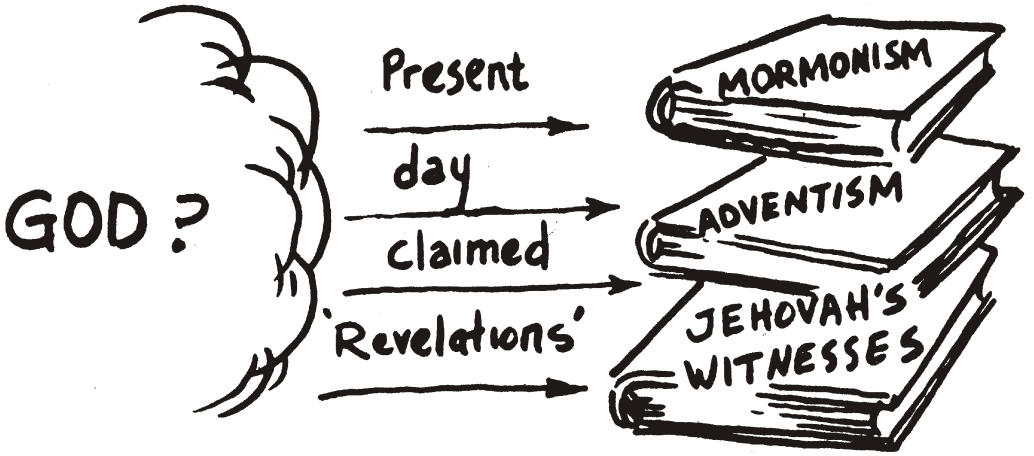


2 Tim. 3:17, "*That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.*"

2 John 1:9, "*Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.*"

No supplements to scripture are needed or allowed today!

"Revelations" claimed today differ in the "messages" revealed, but God is not the author of confusion

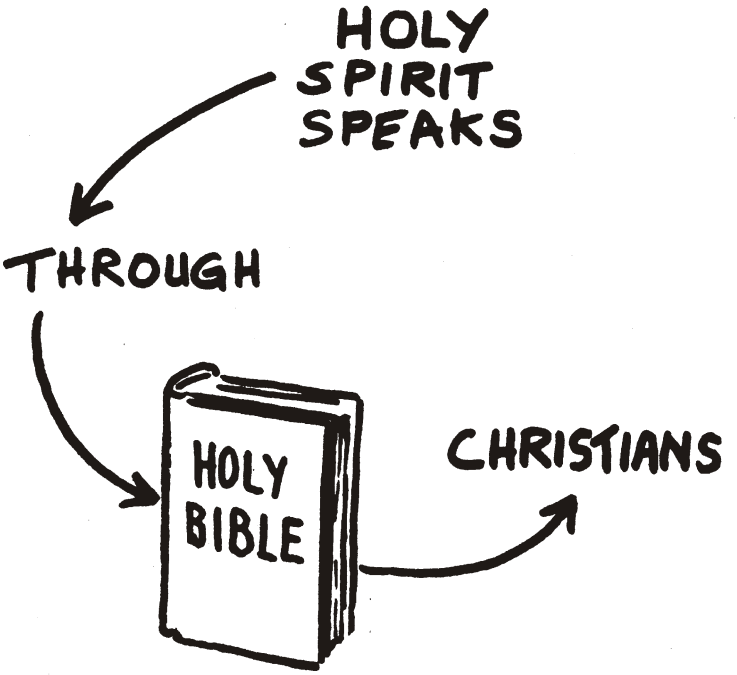


1 Cor. 14:33, "*For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.*"

Rom. 16:17, "*Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.*"

The Holy Spirit's revelations always taught the same thing, but "revelations" today differ from the Bible and from each other

Christians hear the Holy Spirit when they hear the Word of God

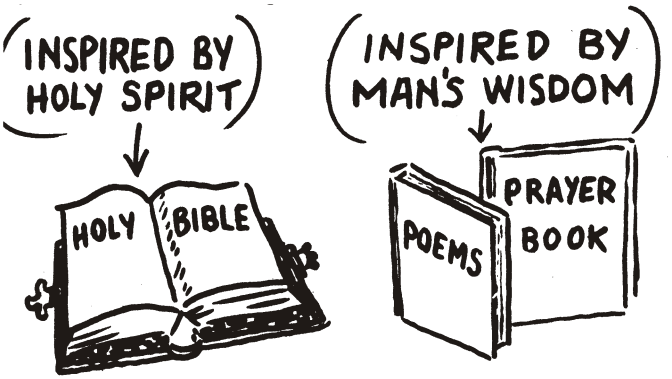


Heb. 3:7, "*Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,*"

Rev. 2:11, "*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.*"

The Spirit speaks only in scripture! We hear Him by hearing His message!

The scripture is not man's words or message, but the Holy Spirit's



1 Cor. 2:13, "*Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*"

1 Thess. 2:13, "*For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.*"

Gal. 1:12, "*For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.*"

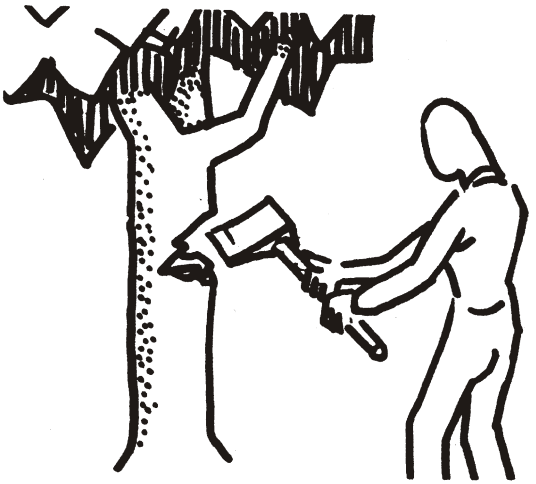
The scriptures are the words of the Holy Spirit

Whatever the Holy Spirit does by a message, He does through the Bible, since the Bible is His complete message!

What is said to be done	Verses saying done by the Holy Spirit	Verses saying done by the Word
Convicted	John 16:7-8	Acts 2:37
Begotten	John 3:5	James 1:21
Born	John 3:5	1 Pet. 1:23
Washed	1 Cor. 6:11	Eph. 5:26
Sanctified	1 Cor. 6:11	John 17:17
Justified	1 Cor. 6:11	Rom. 5:1; 10:17
Saved	Titus 3:5	James 1:21

The Holy Spirit does these things through the Word!

A tree is cut down by a man, but also is cut down by an axe. It is cut down by the man through the axe.



Eph. 6:17, "*And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*"

Heb. 4:12, "*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*"

God's Spirit cuts man's heart through the Word!

The Spirit's revelation, not His action was to cease. Although inspiration of His message is complete, His doings are not!

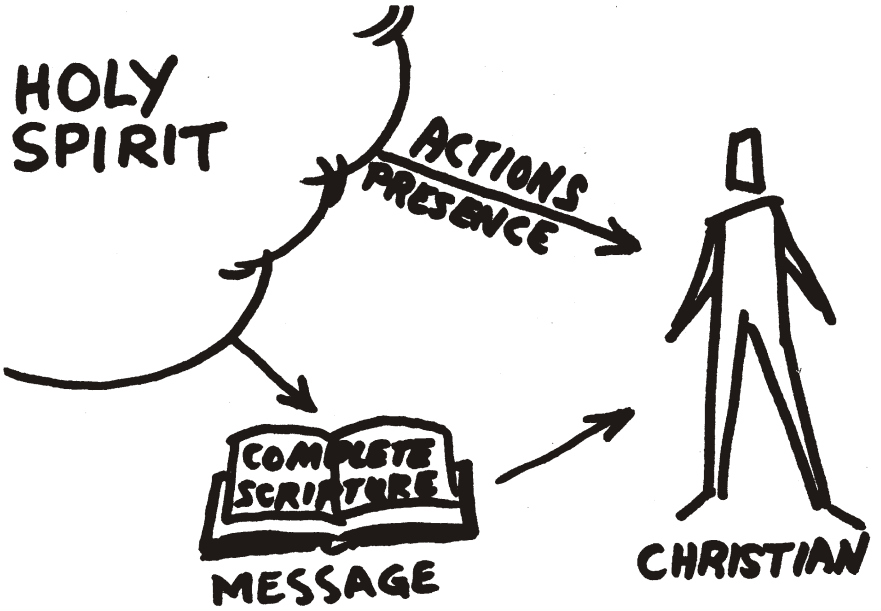


Phil. 2:13, "*For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*"

Eph. 3:16, "*That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;*"

God's Holy Spirit is His presence and power in the Christian

The Spirit's message is only in the Bible, but His action is not only in the Bible

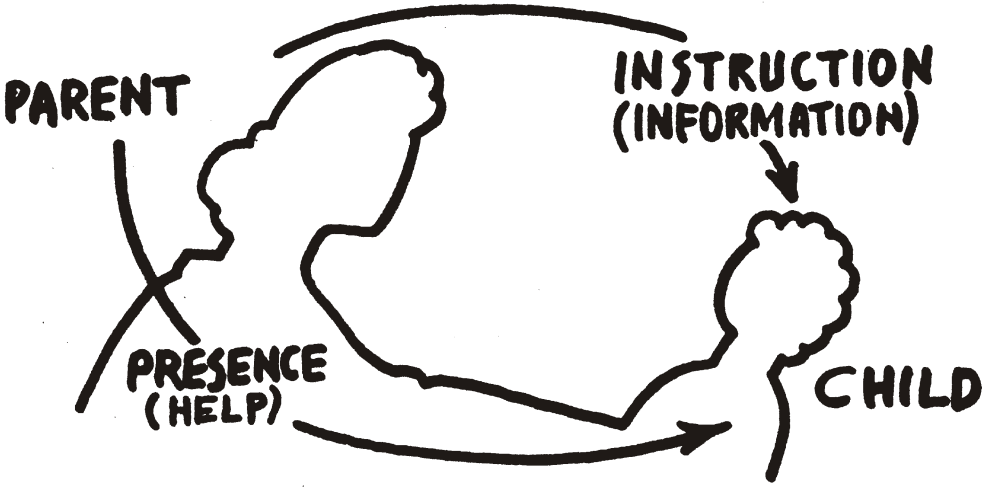


Eph. 3:16, "*That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;*"

Eph. 3:20, "*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,*"

Man needs God's presence and power as well as His completed message

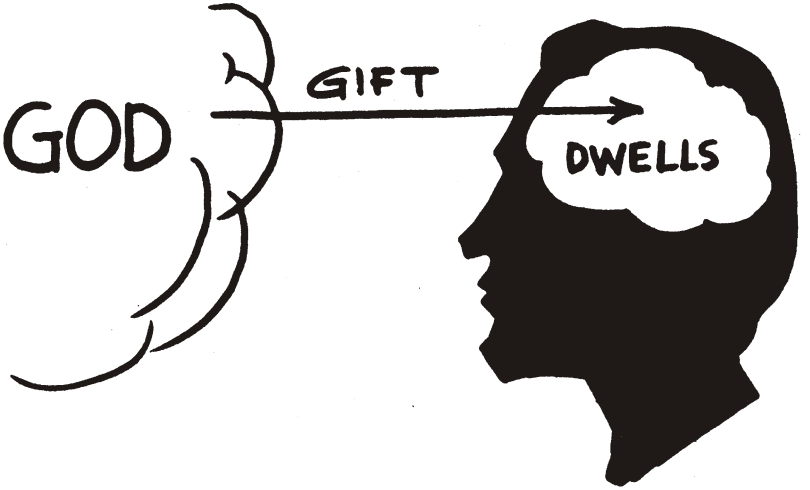
What God "throughly furnishes" in the Bible is a message of salvation, but we also need His help and companionship as well



2 Tim. 3:15-17, "*And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.*"

Children need the help as well as the message from their parents

Christians have God's Spirit in them as a gift from God



Acts 2:38-39, "*Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.*"

Acts 2:41, "*Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.*"

What greater gift could God give than His power and His presence to dwell in us?

The gift of the indwelling Spirit is not miraculous, is not inspiration, is not a feeling — it is simply God within His children

Acts 5:32, "*And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.*"

Rom. 5:5, "*And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*"

1 Thess. 4:8, "*He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.*"

1 John 3:24, "*And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.*"

1 John 4:13, "*Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.*"

Gal. 4:6, "*And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.*"

James 4:5, "*Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?*"

2 Tim. 1:14, "*That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.*"

Rom. 8:9, "*But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*"

Rom. 8:11, "*But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*"

Phil. 1:19, "*For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,*"

These verses stress "gift" and "dwell"

God's Spirit dwells in the Christian's body like a temple



1 Cor. 3:16, "*Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*"

1 Cor. 6:19, "*What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*"

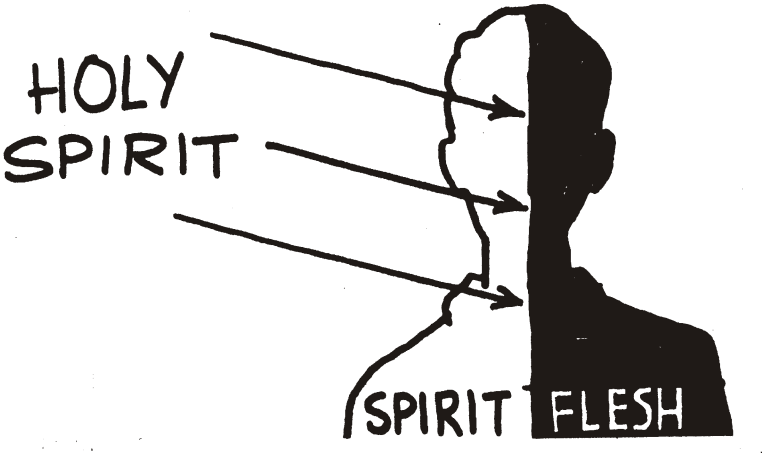
Eph. 2:22, "*In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.*"

Acts 17:24, "*God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;*"

Acts 17:28, "*For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.*"

A temple is the dwelling place of deity

By the Spirit we put to death the deeds of the body



Gal. 5:16-17, "*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*"

Rom. 8:13, "*For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.*"

Eph. 3:16, "*That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;*"

The Spirit's power changes the civil war in our flesh into victory

Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world



1 John 4:4, "*Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*"

Jude 1:19, "*These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.*"

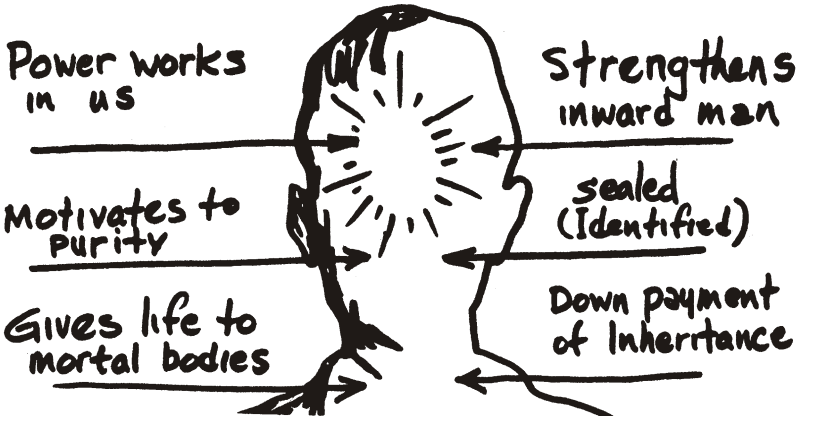
Rom. 8:26, "*Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*"

Eph. 5:18, "*And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;*"

Phil. 2:13, "*For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*"

Since Satan tempts and weakens the Christian by false teaching and personally, the Holy Spirit strengthens personally.

God's power works in the Christian!



Eph. 3:20, "*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,*"

Eph. 3:16, "*That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;*"

1 Cor. 6:19-20, "*What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*"

Eph. 1:13, "*In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*"

Rom. 8:11, "*But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*"

The Spirit is our power source



Gal. 5:16, "*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*"

Gal. 5:22, "*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,*"

Gal. 5:25, "*If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*"

Eph. 5:18, "*And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;*"

Rom. 8:14, "*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*"

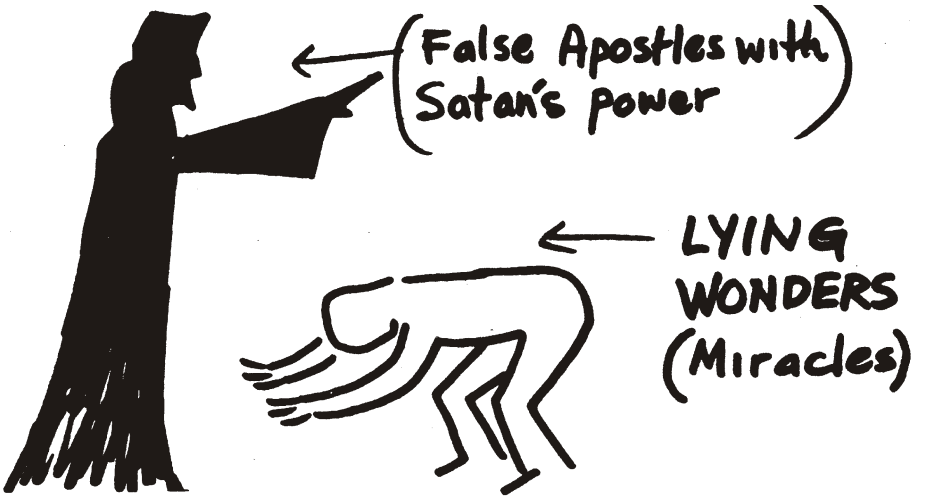
Rom. 8:26-27, "*Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*"

Eph. 6:18, "*Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*"

Phil. 2:1, "*If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,*"

2 Cor. 13:14, "*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.*"

Satan works false miracles!

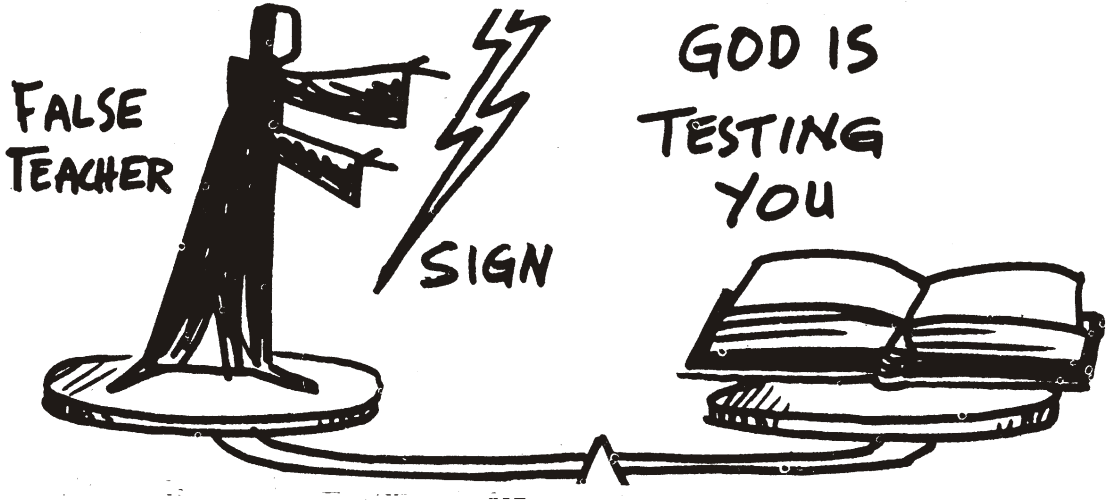


2 Thess. 2:9, "*Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,*" (words for miracles)

Rev. 13:13, "*And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,*"

Matt. 7:22, "*Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?*"

2 Cor. 11:13-15, "*For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.*"

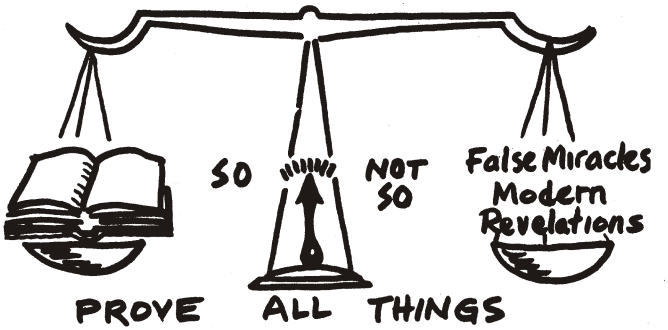


Deut. 13:1-3, "*If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.*"

2 Thess. 2:10-11, "*And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*"

2 John 1:10-11, "*If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.*"

Prove every teacher by scripture!



1 Thess. 5:21-22, "*Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil.*"

1 John 4:1, "*Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*"

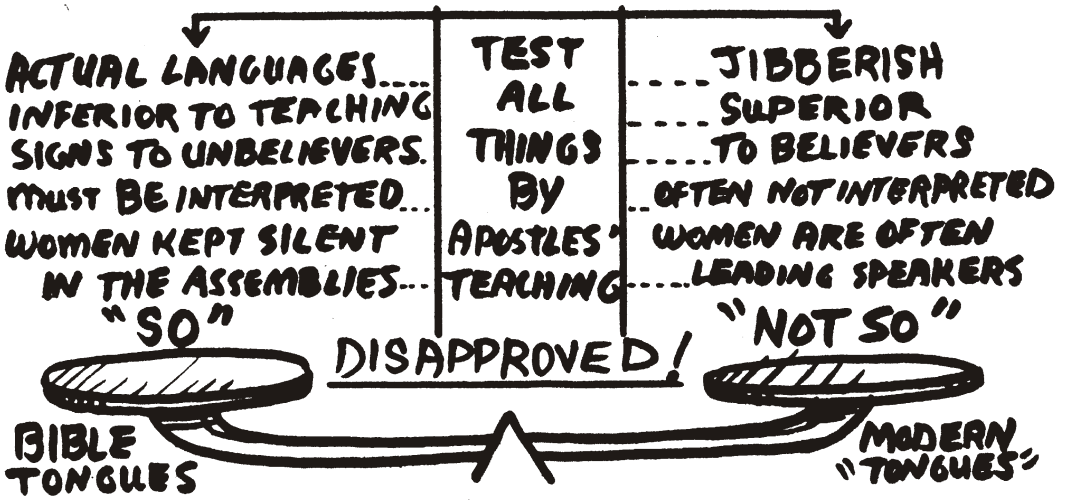
1 John 4:6, "*We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.*"

Acts 17:11, "*These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*"

1 Cor. 14:37, "*If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.*"

If it cannot be proved true by the scriptures, it cannot be so!

Modern tongues fail the Lord's test!



Acts 2:6, "*Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.*"

Acts 2:8, "*And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?*"

1 Cor. 14:1, "*Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.*"

1 Cor. 14:19, "*Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.*"

1 Cor. 14:22, "*Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.*"

1 Cor. 14:27-28, "*If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.*"

1 Cor. 14:33-34, "*For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law.*"