

THE HOLY SPIRIT & HIS WORK

MIRACULOUS CONFIRMATION

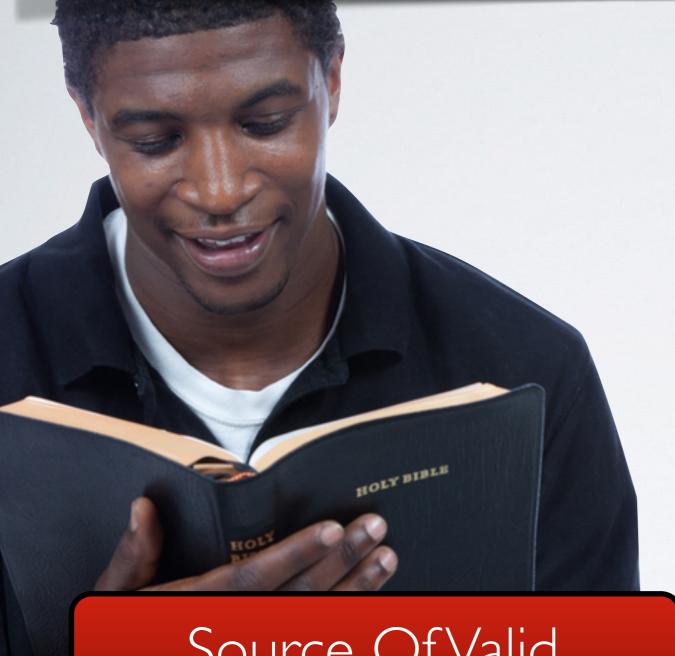
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Source Of Valid, Objective, Information!

Inspired Source

- i.e. the scriptures (Cf. John 14:26; 15:26; 16:12-13; Romans 8:2; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2
 Peter 1:3; Jude 3)
- ONLY Reliable Source
- The Holy Spirit Has Revealed ALL The Truth About Himself That We Can Know!



Source Of Valid, Objective, Information! EXAMINE WHAT
THE HOLY SPIRIT
HAS SAID ABOUT
HIMSELF

Many
Misunderstand
the working of the
Holy Spirit

Material Universe IN CREATION

The Church

Planned Jer. 51:15 The Father

Planned Ep. 3:9-11

Executed

Jn 1:1,2; Ep. 3:9; Heb. 1:1,2

The Son

Executed

Mat. 16:18; John 4:34; Acts 2:47

Organized

Gen. 1:1,2; Job 26:13; Ps. 104:30

MIRACULOUS BEGINNING

The Holy
Spirit

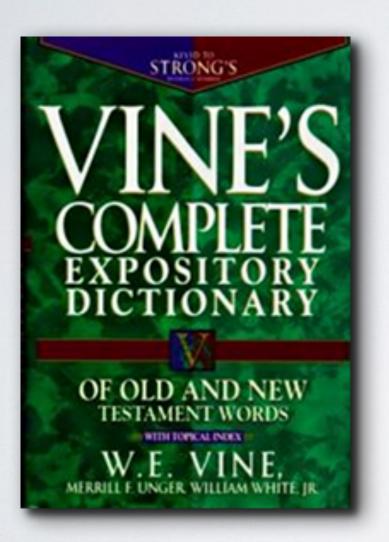
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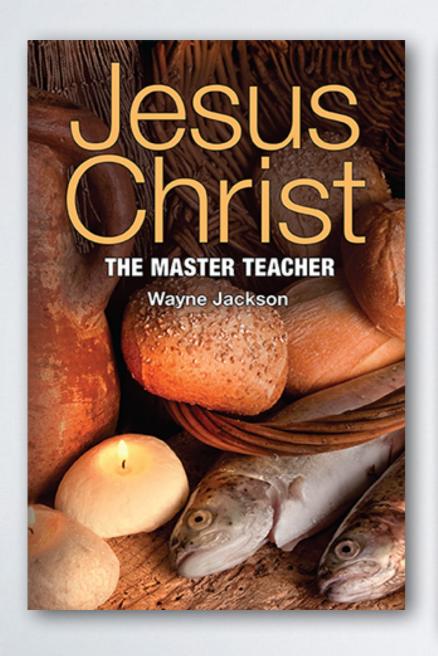
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Usage Notes: "power, inherent ability," is used of works of a supernatural origin and character, such as could not be produced by natural agents and means. It is translated "miracles" in the RV and AV in Acts 8:13 (where variant readings give the words in different order); Acts 19:11; 1 Cor. 12:10, 28, 29; Gal. 3:5; AV 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.

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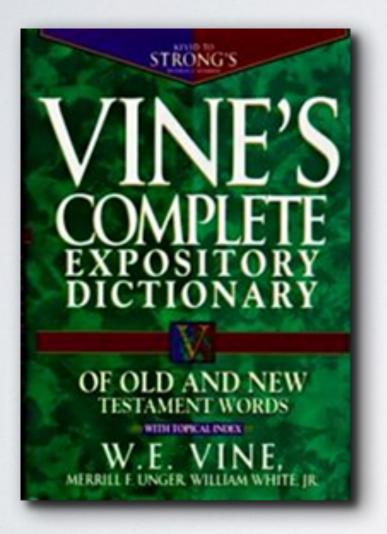


"A miracle is an event which the forces of nature—including the natural powers of man—cannot of themselves produce, and which must, therefore, be referred to a supernatural agency"

(George Fisher, Manual of Christian Evidences pg. 9) Quoted by Wayne Jackson - What Does the Bible Say About Miracles? https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/5~what~does~the~bible~say~ about-miracles

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- MIRACLES: dunamis (δύναμις, 1411) A supernatural act which violates natural law.
- WONDERS: teras (τέρας, 5059), "something strange," causing the beholder to marvel, is always used in the plural, always rendered "wonders,"
- SIGNS: semeion (σημεῖον, 4592), "a sign, mark, token" ... used of "miracles" and wonders as signs of divine authority ...

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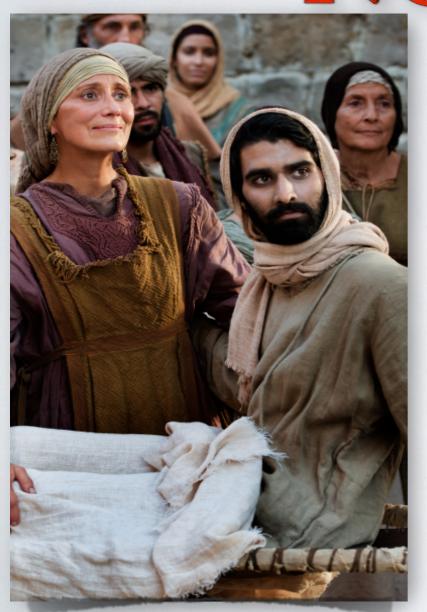
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MATTHEW 4:23-24 (NKJV)

²³ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. 24 Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.

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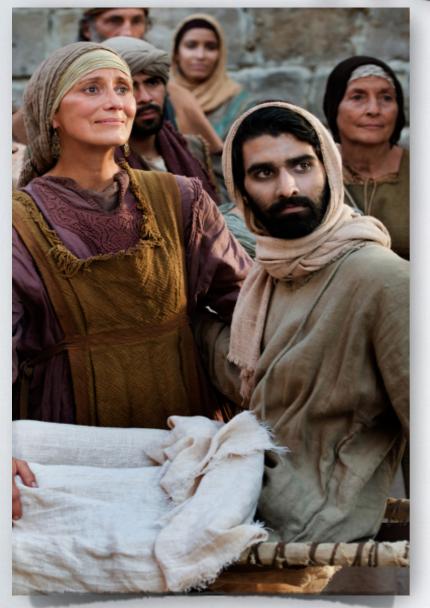
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- "ALL" DISEASES (Mt. 4:23; 9:35).
- DEFORMED HAND (Lk. 6:6-11).
- PARALYSIS (Mt. 9:2-9).
- * "GREAT FEVER" (Lk. 4:38-39)
- * DEAFNESS (Lk. 7:32-35).
- MUTES (Lk. 7:32-35; Mt. 12:22).
- BLINDNESS (Mt. 12:22; Jn. 9).
- LEPROSY (Mt. 8:2-3; Luke 17:12-19).
- HEMORRHAGE BLOOD (Lk. 8:43-44).
- WITHERED HAND (Mt. 12:13).

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- SEVERED EAR (Luke 22:50, 51).
- MISSING LIMBS (Mt. 15:30-31).
- FED 5K & 4K (Mt. 14:13-21; 15:32-38).
- CAST OUT DEMONS (Mt. 8:28-34; etc).
- * WALKED ON WATER (Mt. 14:25).
- STILLED THE STORM (Mt. 8:23-27).
- RULER'S DAUGHTER (Mt 9:18-26).
- WIDOW'S ONLY SON. (Luke 7:11-16)
- LAZARUS COME FORTH. (John 11:44)
- ROSE FROM THE DEAD (Luke 24:5-6)

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ACTS 4:16-17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ saying, "What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. 17 But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name."

CONFIRMED JESUS AS GOD'S SON



The Holy Spirit & The Miracles of Jesus

- The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus @ His baptism & REMAINED — Mat 3:16; Mark 1:10; Lu. 3:22. Jno. 1:31–34;
- Jesus "... whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure." — John 3:34

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The Holy Spirit & The Miracles of Jesus

Acts 2:22 (NKJV)

²² "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—

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AUTHORITY OF HEALING DELIVERANCE PROVISION DEITY Fed 5,000 w / 5 Cast out demons Walked upon the sea "And Jesus loaves & 2 fish - Mt 8:28-32; Mk went about (Matt. 14:25) & - (Mk. 6:38-44). 3:11; Lk. 4:41 ...healing Stilled a storm - (Mk. Fed 4,000 w / 7 Raised Lazarus all kinds of 4:39). loaves & a few from the dead sickness and Forgave sins - (Mat Jn 11:25-44; fish - (Mt. all kinds of 9:1-8) 15:32-39). Raised Jairus' Was raised from the disease."(Mt daughter - Lk. Paid tribute . 4:23) dead on the 3rd day -(Mt. 17:27). 8:41-46 Mat 28:1-8; Mk. Blind, lame, Raised a widows Amazing catch 16:1-8; Lk. 24:1-11 lepers, etc. son - Lk. 7:11-15 (Jn. 21:6).

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Matthew 9:33 (NKJV)

33 And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"

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Mark 2:12 (NKJV)

12 Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!

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John 3:1-2 (NKJV)

¹ There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

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John 9:32-33 (NKJV)

32 Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. 33 If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.

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John 10:24-25 (NKJV)

²⁴ Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." 25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they

bear witness of Me

cf. Matthew 11:2-5; Isaiah 35:5-6; 61:1

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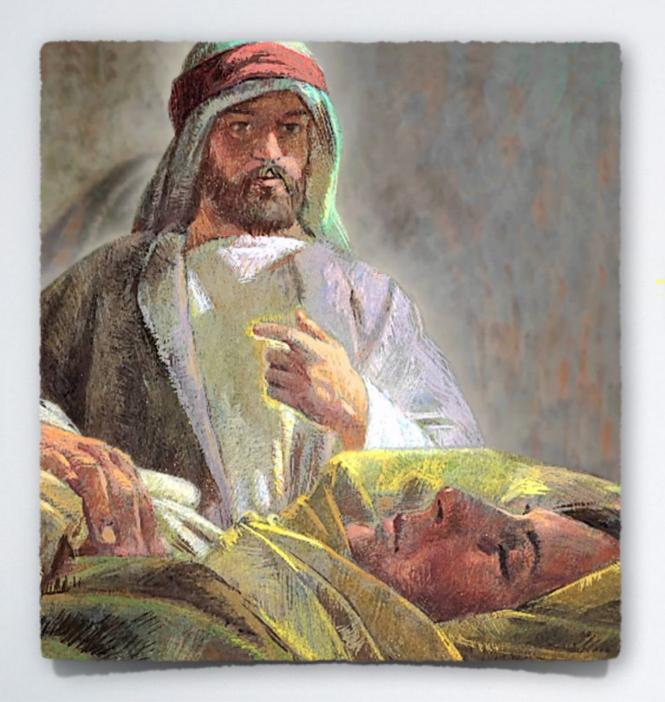
Old Testament	New Testament
Exodus 4:1-8, 28-31	Matthew 9:1-6
Exodus 6:28 - 7:5	Matthew 11:2-6
Numbers 16:28-30	John 2:1-11, 23
Deuteronomy 4:32-40	John 3:1-2
Joshua 2:9-11	John 5:31-36
1 Kings 18:21-24, 30-39	John 10:22-25, 37-38

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MARK 16:17-20 (NKJV)

¹⁷ And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." 19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

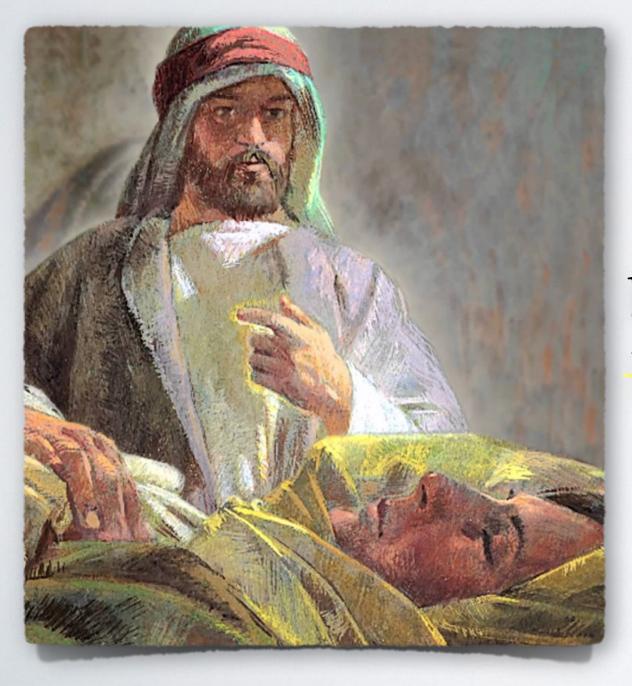
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ACTS 4:33 (NKJV)

33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

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ACTS 14:3 (NKJV)

³ Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

MESSINGER & MESSA



2 CORINTHIANS 12:12 (NKJV) 12 Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and

mighty deeds.

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THE MIRACULOUS POWER OF GOD -NOT COMMON OCCURRENCES

Miraculous Manifestations At Certain Points In History!

Creation, Beginning

Moses, Delivered

Prophets, Instructed

Jesus, Messiah

Apostles, Early church











BEGINNING of each dispensation — sustained by established Laws. To ENSURE the validity of revelation & fulfillment of God's purpose

REVELATION ACCOMPANIED BY MIRACLES



- Directly (Only on two occasions)
 - The apostles, Pentecost Acts 2:1-4
 - The household of Cornelius Acts 10:44-46
- The Apostles hands (All Others)
 - The Samaritans Ac 8:14-19
 - The Ephesians Ac 19:6
 - The Romans Ro 1:11
 - Timothy 2 Tim. 1:6

REVELATION ACCOMPANIED BY MIRACLES

GOD'S WORDS MRACULOUSLY REVEALE

1 CORINTHIANS 12:8-11 (NKJV)

⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

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REVELATION ACCOMPANIED BY MIRACLES

COD'S WORDS MRACULOUSLY REVEALED

1 CORINTHIANS 12:8–11 (NKJV)

prophecy

tongues

word of knowledge

"That which is perfect" and "that which is in part" are contrasted with each other . . .

1 CORINTHIANS 13:8–10 (NKJV)

- ⁸ Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* 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.

REVELATION MIRACULOUSLY PROVIDED

That Which is Perfect

WE KNOW WHAT THAT WHICH WAS IN PART WAS -



Ek merous = The spiritual gifts God used to reveal His will (Prophecy, Tongues, Knowledge) - As well as the signs used to confirm that revelation . . .

THEREFORE WE CAN KNOW WHAT "THAT WHICH IS PERFECT IS -



Teleios = The completed and perfected result of the things that were in part. (James 1:25; 2 Tim 3:16,17; Jude 1:3)

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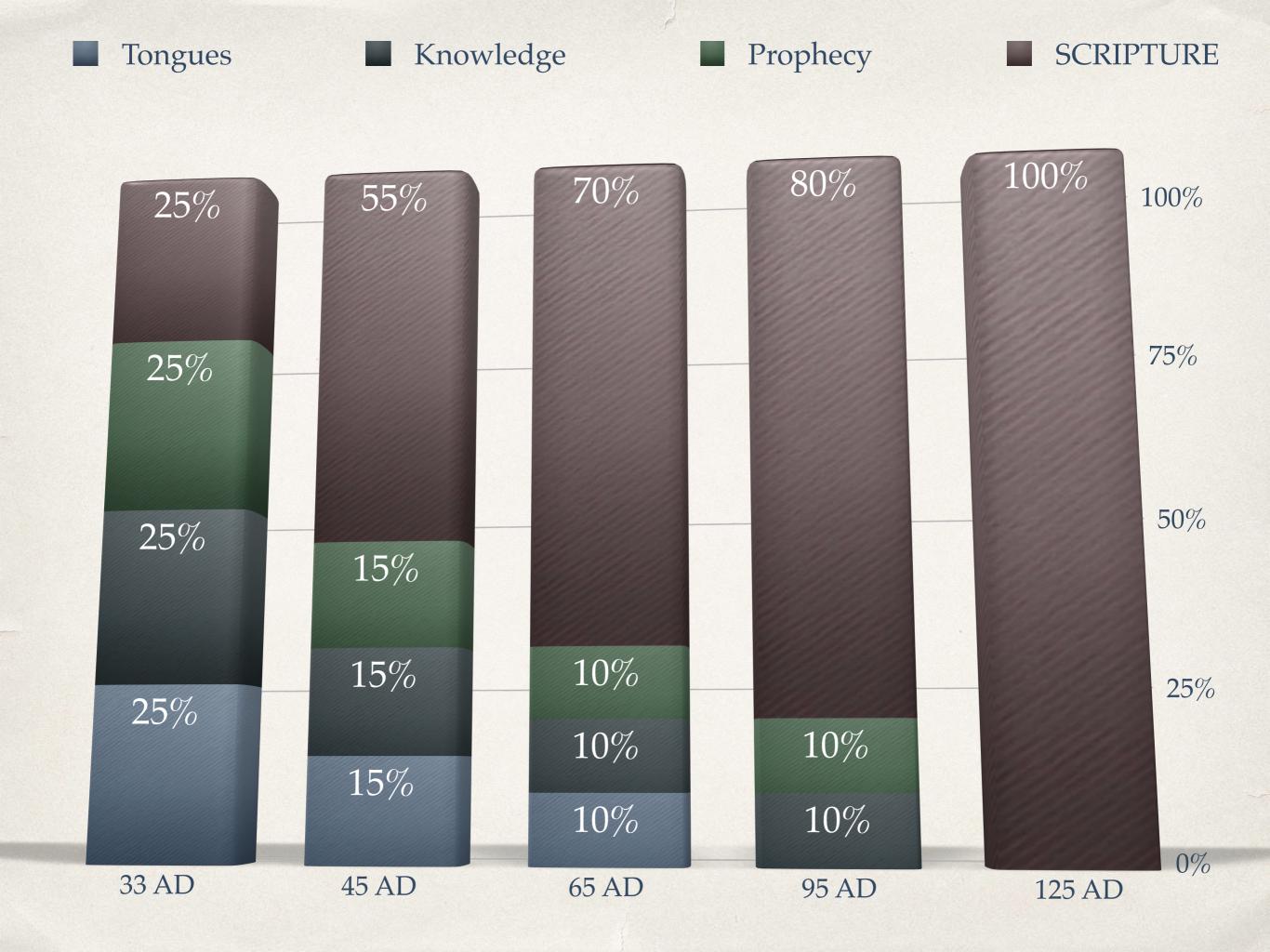
WE KNOW WHAT THAT WHICH WAS IN PART WAS -

WHAT DID THE THINGS IN PART PRODUCE? NOT JESUS

THEREFORE WE CAN KNOW WHAT "THAT WHICH IS PERFECT IS -

NOT HEAVEN

BUT GOD'S COMPLETED REVELATION!!



The DURATION of Miracles

Chidish Vs Mature

CONTRASTING IMMATURITY WITH **MATURITY!**

WHEN GOD'S REVELATION BECAME MATURE, IT NO LONGER NEEDED THOSE THINGS NECESSARY DURING ITS IMMATURITY.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:11 (NKJV)

11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

The DURATION of Miracles

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GIFTS CHILDISH

SPIRITUAL GIFTS **CHILDISH** SPEAKING, UNDERSTANDING & THINKING (13:12)



2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV) ¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

GOD'S WORD PROVIDES MATURITY (2 TIM. 3:16-17; HEB. 5:12-6:5)

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CONTRASTING NOW WITH LATER!

WHO WILL BE SEEN? WHO WILL BE KNOWN? CAN WE KNOW NOW?

James 1:23-25; 2 Tim 3:16-17; Eph 3:3-5

1 Corinthians 13:12 (NKJV)

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GOD'S WORD CLEARLY SEE & KNOW FULLY

(EP 3:3-5; RO. 16:25-26; HEB. 4:12)

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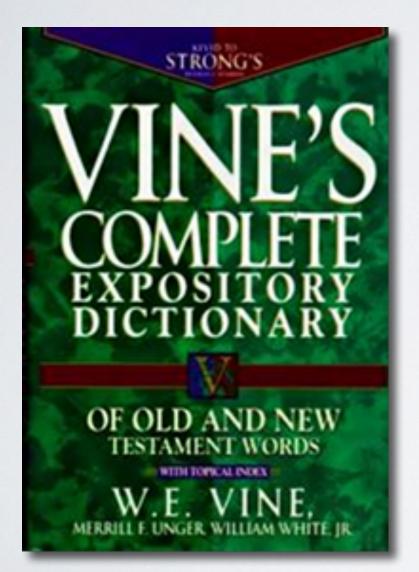
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NOW ABIDES FAITH, HOPE, & LOVE HEB 11:1; ROM 8:24

The DURATION of Miracles



Greek Word: γλώσσα

Transliteration: glossa

There is no evidence of the continuance of this gift after apostolic times nor indeed in the later times of the Apostles themselves; this provides confirmation of the fulfillment in this way of 1 Cor. 13:8, that this gift would cease in the churches, just as would "prophecies" and "knowledge" in the sense of knowledge received by immediate supernatural power (cp. 1 Cor. 14:6). The completion of the Holy Scriptures has provided the churches with all that is necessary for individual and collective guidance, instruction, and edification.

The DURATION of Miracles



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Miraculous Gifts	The Word of God	
Fail, Cease, Vanish Away (8)	Not Pass Away (Mt. 24:35)	
Partial knowledge (vs. 9)	Complete knowledge (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3)	
Childish speaking, understanding & thinking to be put away (11)	Provides maturity (2 Tim. 3:16-17;Heb. 5:12-6:5)	
Darkly see, know in part (12)	Clearly see & know fully (Ep 3:3-5; Ro. 16:25-26; Heb. 4:12)	
Will not abide (vs. 13)	Abides Forever (1 Pet. 1:23)	

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Apostles, Early church











DIVINE SUSPENSION OF NATURAL LAWS -

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The Holy Spirit & His Work

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Miracles Accomplished Their Purpose

NEED

- Apostles Guided Into All Truth (Jn. 14:26; 16:13)
- On Cornelius's Household: To Show Gentiles Accepted (Acts 10:47,48)
- Signs to Confirm the Word (Mk. 16:20)
- Spiritually Gifted to Edify the Church (1 Cor. 14:5, 12)

FULFILLED

- Word Has All Truth(2 Tim. 3:16-17; Jude 3)
- Accomplished (Acts 11:15-18; 15:7-11)
- Word Was Confirmed (Heb. 2:1-4).
- Word is sufficient to EDIFY & GUIDE the Church (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Acts 20:32).

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JOHN 20:30-31 (NKJV)

30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

RIED MESSENGER & MES



- THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS DISCERNIBLE & DETECTABLE - (compare with alleged miracles of our day)
- THE MIRACULOUS SPIRITUAL GIFTS HAVE CEASED - (The Holy Spirit is no longer revealing God's revelation / men are no longer inspired / The need no longer exists)
- WHAT WOULD A POWERFUL DELUSION LOOK AND FEEL LIKE? - (2 THES 2:10-12)



- The Inspired Revelation By The Holy Spirit Was Supernatural, Verbal, Final, & confirmed!
- There is NO room for more divine instruction!
- Are we satisfied with what the Spirit has said about himself, and other things?



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