

Holy Spirit Gifts

1 Corinthians 13:1-13



Have miracles ceased?

Those Who Believe In Miracles Today

- Some rely on miracles – do not seek medical help
- Some seek medical help – still think it is 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* NT: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; 12:10,28,29; 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.

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Examples of miracles

Jesus

- Turned water to wine. John 2:1-11
- Fed the multitude. John 6:1-14
- Opened the eyes of the man born blind. John 9
- Raised Lazarus from the dead. John 11:39-44

Examples of miracles

Peter:

- Cures the sick. Acts 5:15-16
- Heals Aeneas. Acts 9:34
- Raised Dorcas from the dead. Acts 9:40
- Caused the death of Ananias and Sapphira. Acts 5:5,10

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Paul:

- Strikes Elymas blind. Acts 13:11
- Heals a cripple. Acts 14:10
- Raised Eutychus from the dead. Acts 20:9-12

These are not reproducible today!



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I. The Purpose Is Accomplished

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- **Not for the betterment of men** (Not all fed / healed)
 - Epaphroditus almost died. Philippians 2:25ff
 - Trophimus left at Miletus sick. 2 Timothy 4:20
 - Timothy had a stomach problem. 1 Timothy 5:23

I. The Purpose Is Accomplished

- **Confirmation of the message / claim**
 - Mark 16:17-20
 - Hebrews 2:3-4 (word has been confirmed)

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- **Reveal the word**
 - John 16:13; 14:26
 - Word is complete (Jude 3; 2 Peter 1:3)
- **Prove Gentiles are gospel subjects** (Acts 11:18)



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Only Two Cases:

Apostles

Acts 1:4-5; 2:1-21

- Reveal truth (John 16:13)
- Show things to come (John 16:13)
- Teach all things (John 14:26)
- Bring all things to remembrance (John 14:26)
- Testify of Christ (John 15:26)

House of Cornelius

Acts 10:44-48; 11:15-18;
15:7-9

- Show that Gentiles are gospel subjects (Acts 11:18)

No Promise of
Holy Spirit Baptism
for anyone today!

II. Holy Spirit Baptism Has Ceased

Only One Baptism Today – Ephesians 4:5

<u>Holy Spirit</u>		<u>Water</u>
Spirit Acts 1:5	Element	Water Acts 8:38
Christ John 1:33	Administered by	Men Matthew 28:19
Promise Acts 1:2-8	Nature	Command Acts 10:48
Reveal... John 16:13	Purpose	To Save Mark 16:16

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- Peter and John laid their hands on the Samaritans. Acts 8:19
- Paul laid his hands on the Ephesians. Acts 19:6

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Spiritual Gifts – 1 Corinthians 12

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. Different kinds of tongues
9. Interpretation of tongues

Three Chapters

1 Corinthians 12 – Enumeration Of Gifts

1 Corinthians 13 – Duration Of Gifts

1 Corinthians 14 – Regulation of Gifts

1 Corinthians 13

Love Is The More Excellent Way

- I. Without Love – Nothing (verses 1-3)
- II. Characteristics Of Love (verses 4-7)
- III. Spiritual Gifts Cease, But Love Continues (verses 8-13)
 - A. Spiritual Gifts Cease (verses 8-12)
 - B. Love Continues (verse 13)

1 Corinthians 13:8-10

8 Love never faileth: but whether (there be) prophecies, they shall be done away; whether (there be) tongues, they shall cease; whether (there be) knowledge, it shall be done away.

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part;

10 **but when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away.**


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What will happen to spiritual gifts?
1 Corinthians 13:8

Fail

Cease

Vanish Away




Two Views of 1 Corinthians 13

Miracles Continue
Until

↓

“Perfect”




Comes

Miracles Continue
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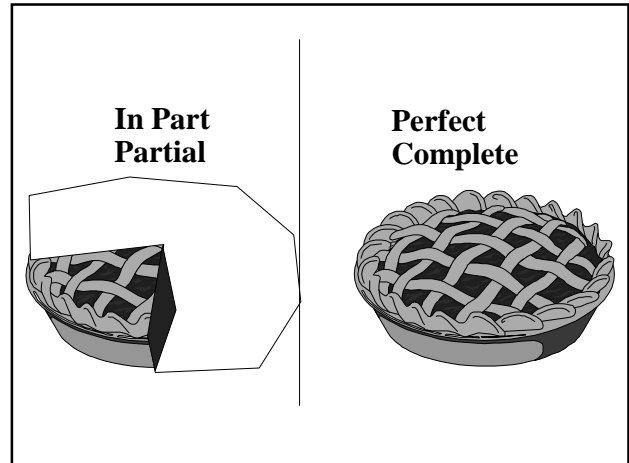
“Perfect”



Comes

“Perfect”

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. **Strong’s:** “complete” (#5046).
4. **Liddell & Scott:** “Complete, perfect, entire” (p. 696).



The “Perfect” Must Be Of The Same Nature As That Which Is “In Part”

In Part

Knowledge (v. 9)
Prophecy (v. 9)



God's
Revelation

Perfect

Knowledge
Prophecy



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Illustrations Given In The Text



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1. Speak with tongues. (Acts 2:4-11; 10:46)
2. Do wonders and signs. (Acts 2:43)
3. Heal the lame. (Acts 3:6-11; 4:14, 16, 22)
4. Strike one dead. (Acts 5:7-10)
5. Heal everyone. (Acts 5:15-16)
6. Raise the dead. (Acts 9:36-41; 20:8-12)
7. Strike one blind (Acts 13:7-11)
8. Speak without taking thought (Matthew 10:19)

Can Those Who Claim Miracles Today Do These Things?



*Why we believe that
miracles have ceased*

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