

Claim - Power - Proof



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What Happened & What Did It Prove?

- **CLAIM**: Forgives a man's sins – Could only be done by divine power
- **POWER**: Jesus manifests His own power by saying, “**I** say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house”
 - Not done by calling on name or power of Father or Holy Spirit
 - ***Acts 4:7-12*** By what power – In whose name – By what means
- **PROOF**: Jesus demonstrates divine power while on earth and those looking on acknowledge that proof of power
 - Not a gradual healing that might have been attributed to Jesus' appeal for providential healing in prayer (***James 5:14-18***)
 - It was instantaneous & beyond normal human experience
 - **PROOF** – Inescapable conclusion; No other reasonable deduction
- **Conclusion**: Jesus showed Himself to be deity in flesh

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Same Point in Other Passages

- **Mark 16:15-20**
 - Command to preach message of Gospel to whole world
 - Signs given to go along with that preaching to give proof
 - Went everywhere, preached message & confirm by signs
- **John 20:30-31**
 - Jesus did many signs, but ones written are sufficient as proof
 - We can have certain faith by confirmed Gospel message
 - Proof not limited to original viewer, but for all readers
- **John 14 - 16**
 - H.S. to bear witness as proof of message from God (15:24f)
 - H.S. protected message by providing full recall (14:25-26)
 - H.S. given for advantage of declaring truth (16:7-14)
- **Acts 3** – Healing of Lame man → **Acts 4:1-12**
 - *Acts 19:8-12*

Duration of Miraculous Action



1st Corinthians 13:8-13

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. 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. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. ¹³ And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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- Love is always required as motivation for all acceptable action (see *Matt. 22:34-40*)
- Love distinguished from gifts in that “love never fails” but gifts will be “done away”
- **When are gifts to be done away?**
- “When that which is perfect (*whole*) has come, then that which is in part (*partial*) will be done away”
- **What are the parts & the whole?**

Part (Partial) & Perfect (Whole)



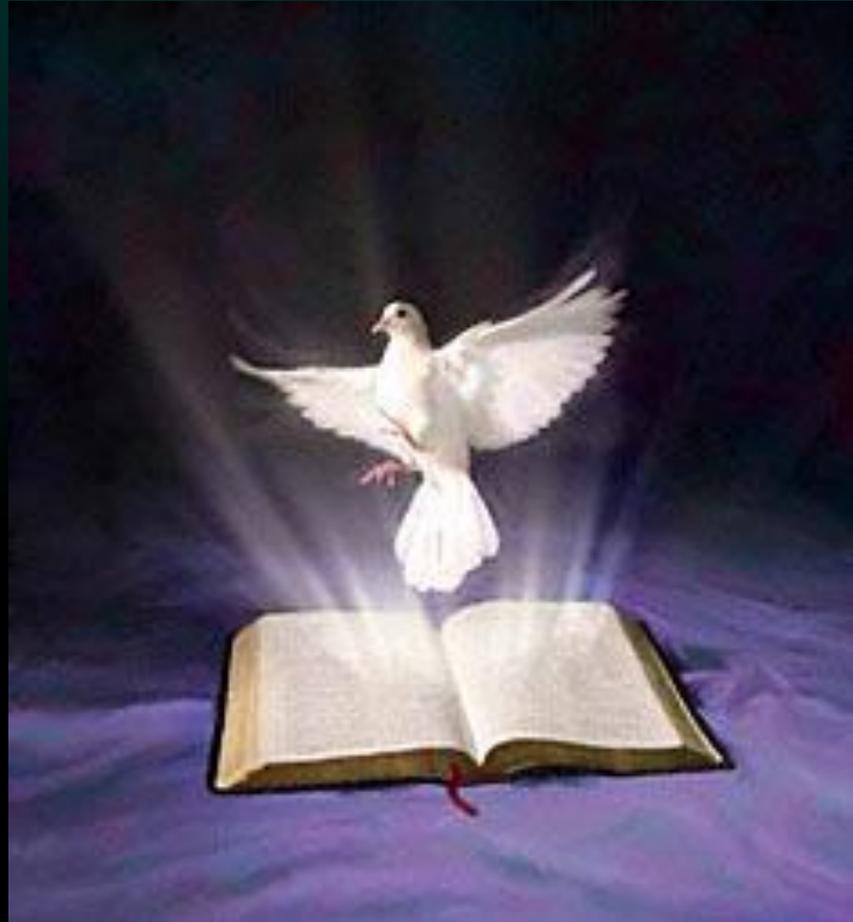
When Partial Revelation Ceases, Product of Revelation Continues

- If “part” is one form of revelation, then “perfect” is complete or full revelation
- Complete revelation instructs & requires that we be motivated by love
- At the completion of revelation, faith & hope also abide on foundation of truth
- Full revelation merely compiled the same truth given orally in parts by inspired men
- No provision or requirement was changed

“That Which Is Perfect” Could Not Be Second Coming of Christ

- Makes no correlation between “part” (partial) & “perfect” (whole)
- Would be insertion into text of a subject neither introduced nor explained in text
- Would contradict other Scripture in that “faith” & “hope” cease at 2nd coming
- If “faith, hope & love” continue after end of gifts, must be **before** 2nd coming

Conclusion



Miraculous Action Has Ceased

- No miracles of the nature recorded in Bible are taking place now
- Purpose was completed when all truth was revealed & confirmed
- We have complete & final revelation from God, needing no further confirmation
- At death of last person empowered by laying on of apostles' hands, miraculous action ceased

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