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The Purpose of Miracles

- To show man that **GOD** is the one behind the events
 - Exodus 6:6-7; 7:5, 17
 - Parting of the Red Sea
 - The Flood, Babel, Plagues of Egypt, Fall of Jericho

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Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- **How were they given?**

- Direct laying on of the apostles hands

- Acts 8:14-18; 19:6; Romans 1:11; 2 Timothy 1:5-6

- **What was their purpose?**

- To bring people to faith in Christ

- 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

- To edify the Church

- 1 Corinthians 14:12, 26



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Miraculous Gifts will Cease (Verse 8)

- There will be a time when they will:
 - FAIL
 - CEASE
 - VANISH

When will they
“be done away?”



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**“When that which is perfect
has come...”** (Verses 9-10)

“For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when **that which is perfect has come**, then that which is in part will be done away.”

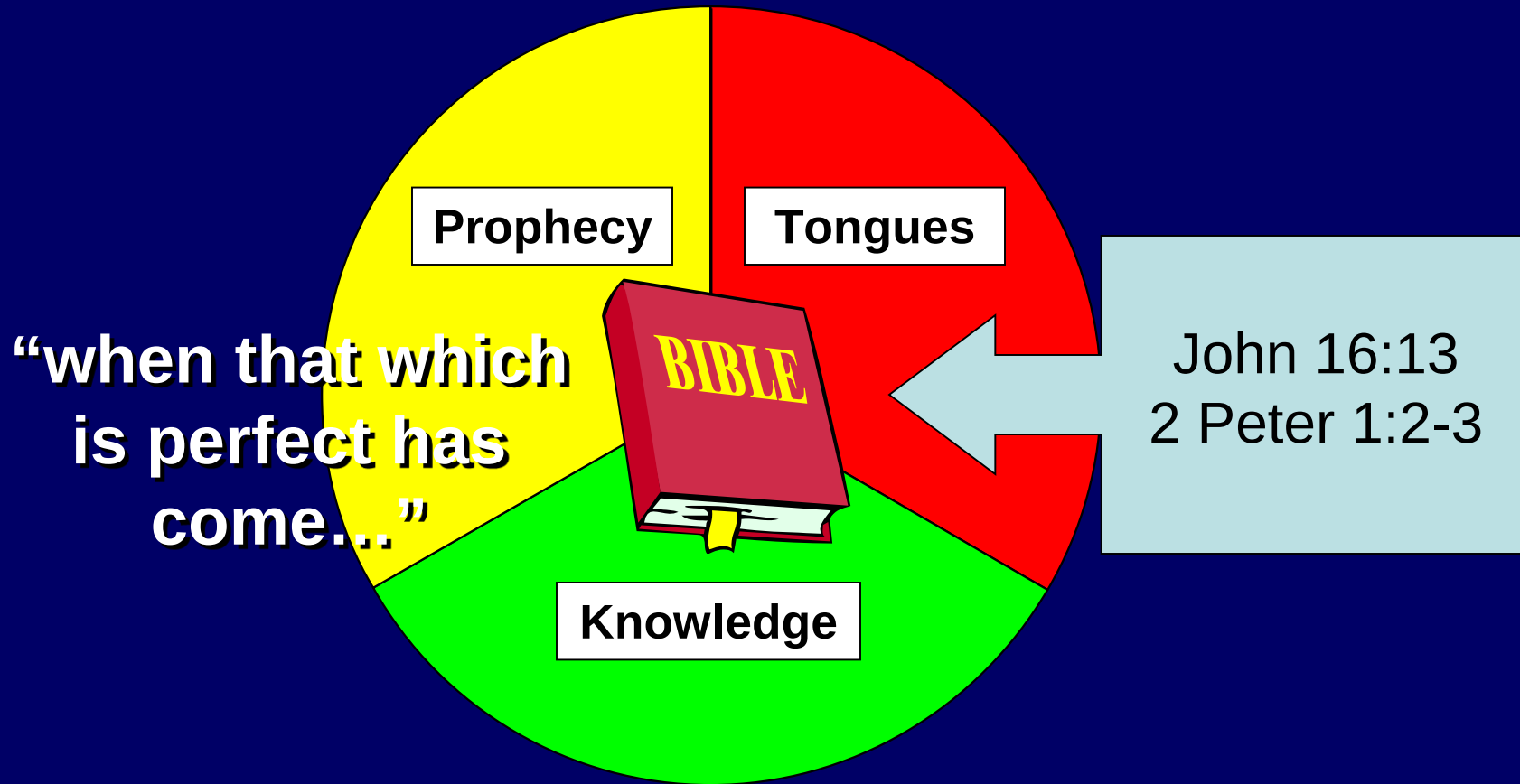
“perfect” (teleios)

that which grows to completeness or wholeness

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“in part” (Verse 10)



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Paul's Analogy of Child to man (Verse 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.**”

Children need help as they grow
God has given us help so we can grow
(Ephesians 4:11-16)

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The Mirror (Verse 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.**”

- Dim outline of God’s will
 - James 1:25
- Perfect law tells us all we need to know
 - 2 Peter 1:2-3; 2 Tim 3:16-17
- Ultimate purpose summed up by John
 - John 20:30-31

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What will abide?

(Verse 13)

“And now abide faith, hope, love, these three;
but the **greatest of these is love.**”

FAITH – will one day be realized

HOPE – will one day be realized

LOVE – will abide forever!

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