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is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:12-14). Although Jesus completed His work on earth, the whole truth about Him was not revealed immediately. All truth would be revealed to and by His apostles after He ascended.

Speaking of the mystery of Christ, Eph. 3:5 says: "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 fact that the apostles and prophets spoke by revelation is precisely the reason why the church of Jesus Christ is "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets" (Eph. 2:20).

Jesus said the Holy Spirit would guide the apostles into "all truth." Since the apostles received "all truth" in the "last days," there is no more truth to be revealed before the end of time. Therefore, Jude tells us to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). "Once." Many Bibles translate this, "once for all." All truth was delivered in the first century.

That is why 1 Cor. 13:8 says, "whether there be prophecies, they shall be done away." This does not mean when Jesus returns. Why? Because the same chapter says, "now abides faith, hope, love" (13:13). Faith and hope abide until Jesus returns. But while faith and hope remain, prophecy is done away. When? When the perfect, complete truth was delivered once for all (13:10).

If someone today has a new vision or prophecy from God, let him add it to the Bible. If he does not dare add it to the Bible, let him admit it is not a revelation from God. The Bible is complete.
We already have all truth. We just need to examine and follow it.

Plainly, don't get short changed. Let's be ready to meet our Maker. The Bible (in Acts) teaches that to avoid hell and gain heaven - one must:

- 1) Believe In Jesus As Savior (16:31)
- 2) Repent Of Sins (17:30)
- 3) Confess Christ Audibly (8:37)
- 4) Be Baptized In Water (2:38)
- 5) Live A Christian Life (14:22)
- 6) Be Active In the Church (2:47)

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