



## 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 man born blind. John 9
- Raised Lazarus from the dead. John 11:39-44

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### Peter:


- Heals lame man. Acts 3:1-10
- Cures the sick. Acts 5:15-16
- Heals Aeneas. Acts 9:32-34
- 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 14:8-10
- Raised Eutychus from the dead. Acts 20:9-12

***These are not reproducible today!***



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

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- **Confirmation of the message / claim**
  - Hebrews 2:3-4 (word has been confirmed)
  - *"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard, lest haply we drift away (from them). For if the word spoken through angels proved stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation? which having at the first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed unto us by them that heard; God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders, and by manifold powers, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to his own will."*

**I. The Purpose Is Accomplished**

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



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**Only Two Cases:**

<b>Apostles</b>	Acts 1:4-5; 2:1-21
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reveal truth (John 16:13)</li> <li>• Show things to come (John 16:13)</li> <li>• Teach all things (John 14:26)</li> <li>• Bring all things to remembrance (John 14:26)</li> <li>• Testify of Christ (John 15:26)</li> </ul>	
<b>House of Cornelius</b>	Acts 10:44-48; 11:15-18; 15:7-9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show that Gentiles are gospel subjects (Acts 11:18)</li> </ul>	


**II. Holy Spirit Baptism Has Ceased**

No Promise of  
Holy Spirit Baptism  
for anyone today!

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**Only One Baptism Today – Ephesians 4:5**

<u>Holy Spirit</u>		<u>Water</u>
<b>Spirit</b> Acts 1:5	<b>Element</b>	<b>Water</b> Acts 8:38
<b>Christ</b> John 1:33	<b>Administered By</b>	<b>Men</b> Mt. 28:19
<b>Promise</b> Acts 1:2-8	<b>Nature</b>	<b>Command</b> Acts 10:48
<b>Reveal</b> John 16:13	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>To Save</b> 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 Cor. 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. Differing kinds of tongues
9. Interpretation of tongues

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**Three Chapters**

**1 Cor. 12 - Enumeration Of Gifts**

**1 Cor. 13 - Duration Of Gifts**

**1 Cor. 14 - Regulation Of Gifts**

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**1 Corinthians 13**

*Love Is The More Excellent Way*

**I. Without Love - Nothing (vv. 1-3)**

**II. Characteristics Of Love (vv. 4-7)**

**III. Spiritual Gifts Cease, But Love Continues (vv. 8-13)**

**A. Spiritual gifts cease (vv. 8-12)**

**B. Love continues (v. 13)**

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**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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**IV. Would Cease With The Complete Revelation**

**What will happen to spiritual gifts? 1 Cor. 13:8**

Fail  
Cease  
Vanish Away

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**Two Views of 1 Cor. 13**

<p>Miracles Continue Until</p> <p>↓</p> <p>"Perfect"</p> <p>Comes</p>	<p>Miracles Continue Until</p> <p>↓</p> <p>"Perfect"</p> <p>Comes</p>
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**"Perfect"**

- Thayer:** "brought to its end, finished; wanting nothing necessary to completeness; perfect..." (p. 618).
- Vines:** "signifies having reached its end (telos), finished, complete, perfect" (Vol. III, pp. 174-175).
- Strongs:** "complete" (#5046).
- Liddell & Scott:** "Complete, perfect, entire" (p. 696).



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

<p><b>In Part</b></p> <p><i>Knowledge (v. 9)</i> <i>Prophecy (v. 9)</i></p>	<p><b>Perfect</b></p> <p><i>Knowledge</i> <i>Prophecy</i></p>
	
 <p><b>God's Revelation</b></p>	 <p><b>God's Revelation</b></p>

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**Illustrations Given In The Text**

- Child  – Man
- Mirror  – Face to Face


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1. Speak with tongues. Acts 2:4-11; 10:16
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
7. Strike one blind. Acts 13:7-11

*Can Those Who Claim Miracles Today Do These Things???*

 **Why we believe that miracles have ceased**

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