

Signs and Wonders

- **Jesus performed Signs and Wonders**
 - 1 This beginning of His [a]signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him. (John 2:11)
 - 23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, observing His signs which He was doing. (John 2:23)
 - 2 A large crowd followed Him, because they saw the [a]signs which He was performing on those who were sick. (John 6:2)
 - 22 “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man [a]attested to you by God with [b]miracles and wonders and [c]signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know (Acts 2:22)

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- **The Apostles Performed Signs and Wonders**

- 12 [a]At the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's portico. (Acts 5:12)
- 6 The crowds with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the [a]signs which he was performing. (Acts 8:6)
- 3 Therefore they spent a long time there speaking boldly with reliance upon the Lord, who was testifying to the word of His grace, granting that [a]signs and wonders be done by their hands. – Paul and Barnabas (Acts 14:3)

- **Others Performed Them as Well**

- 8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and [a]signs among the people. (Acts 6:8)

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- **The Shortcomings of Signs and Wonders**

- 48 So Jesus said to him, “Unless you people see [a]signs and wonders, you simply will not believe.” (John 14:48)
- 26 Jesus answered them and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. (John 6:26)

- **The Purpose of Signs and Wonders**

- 29 And [a]now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, 30 while You extend Your hand to heal, and [b]signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy [c]servant Jesus.” 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness. (Acts 4:29-31)

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- **The Purpose of Signs and Wonders**

- 18 For I will not presume to speak of anything [a]except what Christ has accomplished through me, [b]resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed, 19 in the power of [c]signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have [d]fully preached the gospel of Christ. 20 And thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was already named, so that I would not build on another man's foundation;

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- **The Danger of Dependence on Signs and Wonders**
 - 21 For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. 22 Unless those days had been cut short, no [a]life would have been saved; but for the sake of the [b]elect those days will be cut short. 23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the [c]Christ,' or '[d]There He is,' do not believe him. 24 For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will [e]show great [f]signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the [g]elect. 25 Behold, I have told you in advance. 26 So if they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go out, or, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe them. 27 For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. (Matthew 24:21-27)

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- **The Danger of Dependence on Signs and Wonders**
 - 19 For those days will be a time of tribulation such as has not occurred since the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never will. 20 Unless the Lord had shortened those days, no [a]life would have been saved; but for the sake of the [b]elect, whom He chose, He shortened the days. 21 And then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is [c]the Christ'; or, 'Behold, He is there'; do not believe him; 22 for false Christs and false prophets will arise, and will show [d]signs and wonders, in order to lead astray, if possible, the elect. 23 But take heed; behold, I have told you everything in advance. (Mark 13:19-23)

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- 11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon. 12 He exercises all the authority of the first beast [a]in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. 13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. 14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform [b]in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who *had the wound of the sword and has come to life. (Rev. 13:11-14)

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- **The Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

- Romans 12:3-8
- 1 Cor 12

- **Misunderstanding of “in the Spirit”**

- 18 [a]With all prayer and petition [b]pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, [c]be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, (Eph 6:18)
- 17 It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” (Luke 1:17)

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- **Misunderstanding of “in the Spirit”**
 - 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the [a]saints, and are of God’s household, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy [b]temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:19-22)
 - Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any **fellowship of the Spirit**, if any [a]affection and compassion, (Phil 2:1)

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- **Misunderstanding of “in the Spirit”**
 - 8 and he also informed us of your love in the Spirit. (Col 1:8)
 - 5 For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, 7 because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. (Romans 8:5-9)