

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ♦ Jennifer Derrick—vertigo
- ♦ Larry Derrick—health problems
- ♦ Rick Hemphill—recovery
- ♦ Katelynne Howze—iron infusions
- ♦ Jeff Mashburn—blood press. issues

Others in Need

- ♦ Francis Adams—health problems
- ♦ Terri Adams—cancer
- ♦ Glen Brooks—clot in carotid artery
- ♦ Fran Carlos—back surgery
- ♦ Louise Douglas—health problems
- ♦ Kim Dunn—cancer
- ♦ Joyce Faulk—health problems
- ♦ Jennifer Foxworth—health problems
- ♦ Melba Fuqua—hospice
- ♦ Annette Garrett - Non-H. lymphoma
- ♦ Kiptyn Gillis—non-cancerous tumor
- ♦ Lucinda Lingor—heart problems
- ♦ Shonda Luke—cancer
- ♦ Jerry Madden—cancer

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- ♦ Dan Sikes—back pain, surgery
- ♦ Amy Snyder—surgery on May 27
- ♦ Yoel Urra—rare disease
- ♦ Pray for Christians overseas, such as those facing persecution in Pakistan and certain parts of India.
- ♦ Pray for peace, pray for the bereaved, the persecuted, sick/suffering, civil leaders, military, 1st responders, the lost, enemies.

Events



If the Lord wills...

June 7
Meal after AM Worship

June 7-10
Gospel Meeting at Sasser

Faithful Worship — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Php. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving** weekly as prospered, cheerfully (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:7); **5) The Lord's Supper** on the first day of every week (Matt. 26:26-28; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20-34; 16:2; Heb. 10:23-31).

To Our Visitors

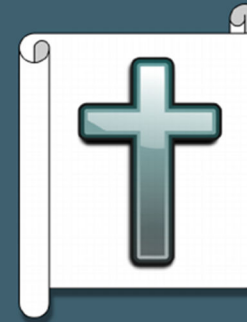


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Privileged to Serve



Announcements: Glenn Howze
Song Leading: Sunday—David Howze; Wednesday—Caleb Howze
Serving the Lord's Supper
Head: Johnny Moss; Helpers: Leo Derrick, Ethan Howze, Mark Howze
Lord's Supper PM
Head: Mark Howze
Helper: Jacob Mashburn
Bible Reading: Trey Miles



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Meeting Times

Sundays:

10AM Bible Class
11AM Worship
6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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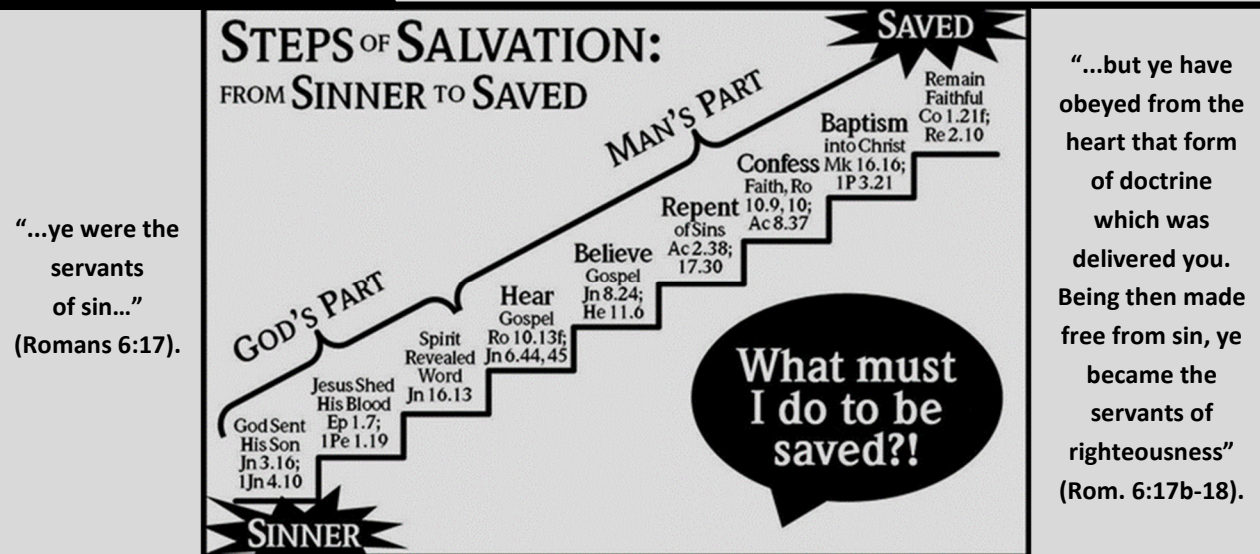
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Miracles (Part 2 of 2)

This is what we know, according to the New Testament. In the early days after the establishment of the church (Acts 2ff), Christians were given special gifts of miraculous power through the Holy Spirit. We know that in the name of Jesus demons were cast out of people (Acts 19:11-17). We know also that they were given, miraculously, the ability to speak with other tongues (Acts 2:1-21, 10:44-46). At least one person was bitten by a deadly snake and not harmed by its poison (Acts 28:1-6). They also healed the sick through the laying on of hands (Acts 9:17-18). Mark closed his gospel account by affirming that all the things that Jesus promised did in fact take place. He wrote that the apostles "went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs." (Mark 16:20). It should be stated here that there is a distinction made between salvation and the endowment of miraculous gifts. A person could be saved without ever performing a miracle of any kind, and conversely a person could be a miracle worker and still be lost (Matthew 7:21-23).

In 1Corinthians 12-14 Paul addressed the issue of the use and misuse of miraculous gifts of the Spirit in the Corinthian church. He started the statements by writing about the universal profitability of spiritual gifts (12:7). Chapter fourteen he dedicated to the abuse of certain miraculous gifts. While miracles were necessary to establish the authority of Christ and of the apostles' doctrine this passage is a testimony to the danger of placing such powerful gifts under the control of irresponsible man. Under similar circumstances, Jesus, displeased with the miracle seekers of His day, said, "An evil and

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adulterous generation seeks after a sign..." (Matthew 12:39).

In 1 Corinthians 13 Paul wrote about a time when miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit would no longer be needed. He wrote, "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. 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. 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" (1 Corinthians 13:8-11). Many have claimed that the statement, "when that which is perfect has come..." is a reference to the second coming of Christ. It is clearly not a reference to Christ since the statement is to "that" which is perfect instead of "He" who is perfect. Notice that the statement, "that which is perfect," is in contrast to the following statement, "that which is in part." The reference, therefore, is to complete, as opposed to partial, knowledge. Paul's statement was that when complete knowledge has come, miracles would no longer be needed. What we now have in the Bible is the complete Word of God. There will be no further revelations. There are no contradictions. We have been given in God's written Word everything we need for life and godliness. Paul wrote, "And now abide faith, hope, love these three; but the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13). Faith and hope are for this life only. Love is eternal.

Another passage that is often used to support the belief that we are still living in the age of miracles is in Acts chapter two. This chapter chronicles the beginning of the New Testament church. On the day of Pentecost the apostles spoke in tongues so that everyone heard in his own language (Acts 2:6). The Jews who heard this were amazed and wondered what it meant. The apostle Peter confirmed that this was the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy (Acts 2:16-21; Joel 2:28-32). Many religious people profess, based on this prophecy, that since we are now living in the last days that the God is still "pouring out" His Spirit on Christians enabling them to speak in tongues and perform various other miracles.

The administration of miraculous power was given through the laying on of the hands of the apostles of Christ (Acts 2:43; 8:14-20; Romans 1:8-12). The New Testament records only two exceptions to this rule. The first is what happened to the apostles on the day of Pentecost when the apostles were given the ability to speak with other tongues "as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4). The other exception was the conversion of the Gentiles in Cornelius' house (Acts 10:44-48). Both of these exceptions were special events in the history of the church. The day of Pentecost marked the beginning of the gospel being preached to the Jews only. The conversion of those in Cornelius' house marked the inclusion of the Gentiles. Incidentally, these events are both stated to be the fulfillment of John the Baptist's statement about Jesus baptizing with the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11; John 1:26, 33; Acts 1:5; 11:16). The conclusion, therefore, is that Joel's prophecy about miraculous power began to

be fulfilled on the day of Pentecost and was completely fulfilled when the fullness of knowledge in the written New Testament was given to the church in the first century A.D. (1 Corinthians 13:8-11).

Many also approach the subject of miracles from the standpoint of church authority. If the chief official(s) of a church confirm an event as miraculous then that is often seen as authoritative. One passage used to support this position is in Matthew's account of a conversation between Jesus and Peter. Jesus said, Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:17-19). Jesus was not, with this statement, giving Peter a position of complete earthly authority over the church. Even if He had there is no Biblical evidence to suggest that such a privilege would have been extended beyond Peter to others. Consequently, it is presumptuous for any man or church to think that we can bind or confirm anything that the Bible does not authorize.

The ultimate purpose of miracles was not to heal the sick, feed the hungry, cast out demons. The ultimate purpose was to prove that the message was true and that those delivering the message were authorized by God to do so. While these miracles undoubtedly accomplished a great many wonderful things, the sick who were healed got sick again, the filled man got hungry again and the man exercised of demons was subject to repossession. Miracles served their purpose and the word of God now confirmed does not need constant reconfirmation. I close, therefore, with this account from the gospel according to John. He wrote, Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, 'We have seen the Lord.' So he said to them, 'Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.' And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, 'Peace to you!' Then He said to Thomas, 'Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.' And Thomas answered and said to Him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:24-30).

—Adapted, Author Unknown