

GOD'S GIFTS TO THE CHURCH - Part Three Studies in 1st Corinthians

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware (or ignorant).
1 Corinthians 12:1

GOD'S GIFTS TO THE CHURCH, *continued*:

First, the purpose:

But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit (why) for the common good.
1 Corinthians 12:7

Next, the *partial list, continued*:

Five, the Effecting of Miracles (*gr: dunamis*):

And to another the effecting of miracles (or, works of power)...
1 Corinthians 12:10a

Question: What exactly is a miracle?

Answer: From the dictionary...

1. An effect or extraordinary event in the physical world that surpasses all known human or natural powers and is ascribed to a supernatural cause.
2. A supernatural intrusion into the natural world and natural law, or an act contrary to the natural laws that is explainable only by divine intervention.
3. Such an effect or event manifesting or considered as a work of God.

Water into wine: John 2:1-11
Walking on water: Matthew 14:22-33
Creating / Multiplying food: Matthew 14:11-21
Taking a coin from the mouth of a fish: Matthew 17:27
Ascending bodily into the clouds: Acts 1:9-11

Question: What was the purpose of miracles?

Answer: To confirm the revelation of God's Word

First, Jesus:

This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him. John 2:22

"Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God (how) with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know."
Acts 2:22

Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name. John 20:30-31

Other Disciples:

In Iconium they entered the synagogue of the Jews together, and spoke in such a manner that a large number of people believed, both of Jews and of Greeks. But the Jews who disbelieved stirred up the minds of the Gentiles and embittered them against the brethren. Therefore they spent a long time there speaking boldly with reliance upon the Lord, who was testifying to the word of His grace, (how) granting that signs and wonders be done by their hands. Acts 14:1-3

The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.
2 Corinthians 12:12

For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it. For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will. Hebrews 2:1-4

God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul.
Acts 9:11