

THE GOSPEL AND THE SUPERNATURAL

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. (Mark 16:15-20, KJV).

MAIN THOUGHT: God uses His supernatural power to aid in the spread of Gospel. Believe God for the supernatural to operate in your life and ministry.

Preach the Gospel to every creature. This is our mission. This is our purpose.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved

-according to Jesus, believers should be baptized, as a sign of a new life in Christ, and to identify with Jesus in His death burial and resurrection.

He that believeth not shall be damned

-There is a heaven to gain and a hell to shun. . .

-Heaven is a place of eternal bliss

-Hell is a place of eternal torment. (Luke 16, According to the Bible, hell is a place of consciousness torment, eternal regret, no escape, weeping and gnashing of teeth, anxiety for loved ones, where the fire is not quenched, and no rest.

BELIEVERS SHOULD EXPECT A LIFE OF MIRACULOUS SIGNS

Read your Bible with open eyes, simply taking God at His word.

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. (Acts 10:38, KJV).

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. (John 14:12, KJV).

God is a God of the supernatural

The Bible is a book of the supernatural

Believers are a people of the supernatural

Yet, today, in many circles we have religion that is devoid of power and lacks the supernatural element. But, I want you to know, God still does miracles.

Examples: Fillipe was in a coma one week ago. They said, "It doesn't look good for him." Today he's home and up and about. God is good. Alyce has total freedom of movement in her arm. In Kenya, we saw the power of God demonstrated over and over.

WHEN WE GO FORTH (to our neighbors or around the world) GOD WORKS WITH US

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God is interested in souls. You can bank on Him to confirm His word. Don't worry about God confirming you or your ministry. He's in the business of confirming HIS WORD. That's why when we minister, we use His Word.

Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. (Mark 13:31, KJV).

WE PREACH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

What do we preach? What is our message? The Gospel.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16, KJV).

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. (1 Corinthians 15:1-6, KJV).

God sent His son. He lived a sinless life, died on the cross of Calvary for our sins, was raised from the dead, presented his own blood as a propitiation for our sins in the holy of holies in heaven and is now sat down at the right hand of God and has shed forth the power of the Holy Ghost into the earth. Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

GOD WORKING WITH THEM IN THE BOOKS OF ACTS

A continuation of the ministry of Jesus

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, (Acts 1:1, KJV).

Supernatural speech in other languages

And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? (Acts 2:8, KJV).

Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. (Acts 2:33, KJV).

3000 saved

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (Acts 2:38, KJV).

The lame walk

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. (Acts 3:6, KJV).

And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. (Acts 3:16, KJV).

5000 saved

Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand. (Acts 4:4, KJV).

Liars in the church die

And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things. (Acts 5:5, KJV).

Shadow healing ministry

Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one. (Acts 5:15-16, KJV).

Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. (Acts 8:5-7, KJV).

Jesus appears to Paul

And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: (Acts 9:3, KJV).

Visions of Jesus, the devil, heaven and hell have been things that God has used in spreading the Gospel.

Ex: Maria Woodworth Etter's ministry.

Paralyzed man healed

And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately. (Acts 9:34, KJV).

The dead raised

But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up. (Acts 9:40, KJV).

Connection with a man of God established through visions

He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius. And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter: He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do. (Acts 10:3-6, KJV).

On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour: And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, (Acts 10:9-10, KJV).

Spirit poured out on Cornelius and company

And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, (Acts 10:45-46, KJV).

CONCLUSION

There is nothing in the Word of God to ever indicate that these miraculous signs should ever cease. We should pray believe and expect them to occur on a regular basis in our lives and ministries.