

# MIRACLES

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**But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.**

**For to one is given by the Spirit...the working of miracles. (I Corinthians 12:7-10)**

Through a person with the gift of miracles God performs powerful acts which are beyond the possibility of occurring naturally. These supernatural acts are a sign that God's power is greater than that of Satan.

Miracles accomplish specific spiritual purposes. God uses miracles to confirm the Gospel message:

**How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him;**

**God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will. (Hebrews 2:3-4)**

Miracles cause people to believe in Jesus and receive eternal life:

**And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book:**

**But these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name. (John 20:30-31)**

Miracles are also used by God to show approval of the person ministering. The ministry of Jesus was confirmed by miracles:

**The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. (John 3:2)**

**Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know. (Acts 2:22)**

God confirmed the ministry of the apostles by miracles:

**Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds. (II Corinthians 12:12)**

There are different types of miracles. Jesus demonstrated miraculous control over physical elements:

**And He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. (Mark 4:39)**

Physical healing and the casting out of demons are miracles:

**And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:**

**So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. (Acts 19:11-12)**

The miracles by the hands of Paul were called "special miracles". The fact that they are called "special" to distinguish them from "ordinary" shows how common miracles were in the early church. The early church was birthed in a demonstration of great power. So common was the powerful manifestation of signs and wonders that this distinction was apparently necessary.

Signs and wonders do not necessarily mean a man or ministry is of God, however. Satan deceives through miracles:

**For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles... (Revelation 16:14)**

**Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders.**

**And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

**And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie:**

**That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (II Thessalonians 2:9-12)**

These verses indicate that people are deceived through miracles of Satan because they are not grounded in the truth of the Word of God.