

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

In our last study we looked at the gift of teacher, the last of the five gifted leaders that God has given to the Church. We turn now to examine the various spiritual gifts that God gives to His people. We begin with the gift of **miracles**, sometimes described as **signs** and **wonders**.

1) 1Corinthians 12:28

*“And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that **miracles**, then gifts of **healings**, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.”*

Notice in the scripture you’ve just read that the Apostle Paul makes a *distinction* between the **gift of miracles** and **the gifts of healings**.

Make a list of four or five miracles recorded in the Bible—other than healings.

2) In the following selections of scripture identify the **purpose** for which God granted miracles to be done...

Mark 16:15-18, Acts 9:40-42 & Acts 13:6-12

3) Based on the scriptures you’ve just read write a definition for the gift of miracles.

4) Read Exodus 7:8-13; 7:19-23, 8:5-7, & 8:16-19

Based on the text you just read what separated the true miracles of God from the counterfeits of Pharaoh’s magicians?

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5) Read 2Thessalonians 2:9-10

What truths does the apostle Paul reveal about the signs and wonders done by the power of Satan?

6) Based on all you've studied this evening how would you determine whether something that appeared to be miraculous was from God or Satan?

7) Do you believe that the gift of miracles is still in operation today? Why or why not?

