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Signs of Our Times

Are many Christians today being duped by alleged miracles, signs and wonders that are either manmade or worse, satanically inspired counterfeits? Or, are many hindering the experience of the glory of God in our day through a refusal to accept that God still confirms His Word through signs and wonders? The scriptures provide the necessary balance to prevent deception and abuse of supernatural phenomena without, “throwing the baby out with the bath water”. Certainly if God intends to confirm His Word today we should not only be open but seek the maximum blessing He will bestow.

There is no question God used jaw dropping miracles in the time of Christ to confirm His word. Yet many claim He has ceased using miracles in this manner. Do the scriptures teach the cessation of miracles and “sign” gifts of the Holy Spirit (like healing, tongues and prophecy)? Miraculous signs and gifts will indeed cease, the only question is when.



In 1st Corinthians 13:10, Paul says sign gifts will cease “when the perfect comes”. Some believe this reference is to the compilation of the entire collection of New Testament books, the “canon”. In other words until the completion of the canon, believers need spiritual aides to help them understand God’s ways. Yet even with the powerful guidance of the New Testament our understanding of God’s will and His Word remains foggy at best. Our understanding is far from complete. We still “see dimly, as in a mirror” (1 Corinthians 13:12).

Paul’s subsequent description of this perfect state makes clear he is referring to heaven. “Now I know in part, but then I will know fully **just as I also have been fully known.**” Paul was anticipating a level of knowledge so full and complete that it equaled the knowledge God had of him! Surely no one has attained such knowledge in this life from study of the New Testament. If we had this level of knowledge there would be no controversies over doctrines and practices. So until heaven when our knowledge of God will be on par with God’s knowledge of us, we should be open to miraculous expressions of God’s glorious hand. In fact, we should pursue those expressions as the apostles did in Acts 4:29-30, “And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.” So our Awesome God, we ask You to do powerful things in our midst to bring glory to Yourself. Or rather I ask for a continuation of miraculous signs, like my healing from 4th stage metastatic melanoma cancer. I have been cancer free for 4 years this month! Glory to God!

-Joe Fornear

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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 2:4

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