

SIGNS / WONDERS / MIRACLES

Definitions: Webster's New World Dictionary

Sign: Something that indicates fact, quality; a gesture that conveys information;

Wonder: A person, thing or event causing astonishment and admiration, Marvel

Miracle: An event or action that apparently contradicts known scientific laws; A remarkable thing; supernatural occurrence

Greek words to describe signs / wonders / miracles

Semeion: A sign, an evidence of a divine commission or attestation of a divine message

Terata: Wonders, wonder-causing events; producing astonishment

Dunamis: Might works; works of superhuman power; higher power

Opening Question for Discussion:

Do you believe that signs / wonders / miracles still exist today?

- I. The Purpose of Signs and Wonders
 - A. To authenticate (prove) the gospel as taught by Jesus - St. Mark 16: 20
 - B. To prove the power of God manifested through Jesus
 - C. To show unity and demonstrations through being on one accord -

Acts 4: 32 – 35

1. Nothing can be done in the name of Jesus without God's power
Romans 1: 16 - 17

D. Helped win people to Christ - Acts 2: 1 – 4, 14 – 19, 21, 38 – 47

E. To heal - Acts 5: 12 – 16

F. To take care of the needs of God's people - Exodus 17: 5, 6

G. A platform for deceivers, false prophets, and to set the stage for the Anti-Christ - Exodus 7: 10 – 13; St. Matthew 24: 24

II. Who Performed Signs / Wonders / Miracles in the New Testament

A. The Seventy-Two - St. Luke 10: 1 – 11, 16- 20

B. Deacons - Acts 8: 4 – 8

C. Corinthian Christians - I Corinthians 12: 4 – 11

D. Galatian Christians - Galatians 3: 1 – 5

E. The Apostles - St. Matthew 10: 1 – 8;

III. “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.”
- St. John 14: 12

A. “Greater” is in the quantity (abundance) - not the quality!

B. The ministry of Jesus on earth lasted only 3 years!

NOTE: The problem today is that people are seeking the one who is performing the “miracles” and not the source of the miracle!

Closing question for discussion:

What is stopping us from doing “greater works”?

