

# Should We Work Miracles?

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“If you (church of Christ) claim to restore NT Christianity, why aren’t you: baptizing in the Holy Spirit; speaking in tongues, and working miracles, etc.”

# Holy Spirit Baptism:

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- Was promised to a chosen few; not to all and never a command
- Only two recorded baptisms of the Holy Spirit
  - In 33 AD, the apostles (Acts 2)
  - In 40 AD, Cornelius (Acts 10)
  - And in 62 AD, only one baptism (Eph. 4:5) – Water baptism for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38-39)

# Should We Speak in Tongues?

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- We found that:
  - Speaking in tongues was the supernatural ability to speak in an unlearned language (Act 2:4, 6, 8)
  - They spoke in tongues to:
    - Communicate the Gospel (Acts 2)
    - Confirm the gospel message (1 Cor. 14:22; Mk. 16:16-20; Heb. 2:2-4)

# Should We Speak in Tongues?

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- We found that:
  - We don't speak in tongues today because
    - Need for spiritual gifts have ended (1 Cor. 13:8-10)
    - No way to impart them (Acts 8:14-17)
    - Word is complete and doesn't have to be confirmed (Heb. 2:2-4)

# Questions for Them

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- Why Aren't You Working Miracles like they Did in NT times?
  - Blind made to see (Jno. 9:6-7)
  - Cripple made to walk (Mk. 2:1-12)
  - Storms quieted (Mk. 4:35-41)
  - Dead raised (Jno. 11:39-44; Acts 9:36-41)

# Remember Bible Miracles

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- Didn't require faith of the person receiving them (Matt. 8:5-10)
- Were verifiable (Matt. 12:24)
- Done for a purpose (Mk. 16:15-20; Heb. 2:2-4)

# Definition:

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“Miracles are supernatural events in the external world, wrought by the immediate power of God and intended as a sign or attestation.”

# Periods of Miracles in the Bible:

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- During the deliverance of Israel from Egypt - To give Moses credence & show God's supremacy over gods of Egypt
- During the days of Elijah and Elisha – To bring Israel back to God
- During the days of the exile – To demonstrate to world leaders that God is over all

# Periods of miracles in the bible:

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- Greatest period of miracles was in the 1<sup>st</sup> century
  - Their purpose was to:
    - Prove that Jesus is the Christ (Jno. 20:30-31)
    - Allow the church to function before the Bible was complete
    - Confirm the word (Heb. 2:2-4)