

The God of Miracles

1 Corinthians 12:7-12

Introduction: Three Questions: is God still working today? What is the purpose of CHARIS miracles? You need to obey the gospel

There is much talk about miracles today. Does God still intervene in the affairs of people?

1. Yes Through Providence

Genesis 49, Ester 4:14

God rules the affairs of men, Acts 17:26-27 determines boundaries and times

The power of prayer, James 5:16 effective fervent prayer

Hebrews 13:5 I will never forsake you

2. Purpose of Miracles

Focus of 1 Cor. 12 CHARIS is gifts) v. 4, 9, 28, 30, 31

When authority needed then miracles: Moses, Gideon, Elijah, New Testament

9 gifts given to early church

The Power to Know	spiritual wisdom, v. 8 spiritual knowledge, v. 8 spiritual discernment, v. 10
The Power to Do	faith, v. 9 (moving mountains) healing, v. 9 miracles, v. 10
The Power to Say	prophecy, v. 10 tongues, v. 10 interpretation of tongues, v. 10

They were verifiable: Heb. 2:3-4, Acts 4:14, 1 John 4:1

They had a purpose, John 3:2, Acts 8:5-12

They were biblical, Luke 11:17, Gal. 1:8-9

They were transferable

Laying on of the Apostles hands, Acts 8:17-21, Acts 19:6, 2 Tim. 1:6

They were temporary, Mark 16:17, 2 Peter 1:3, Eph. 4:13

III. Our Need Today

A. Recognize Miraculous Gifts Are Ended

Turn to God's Word for authority, 2 Tim. 3:16-17

B. Realize we are saved by the gospel

1 Cor. 15:1-3

C. Realize God is active in the world today