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Heresy Happens!

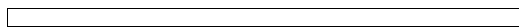
Truth Matters!

A BIBLICAL HISTORY OF MIRACLES IN THE BIBLE

Matt. 16:4 "A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign.."

Today almost every piece of mail I receive and almost every convention advertisement in Charisma magazine is crying out "signs & wonders." The vast majority of Charismatics believe that the Church is entering the time when miracles, signs, and wonders will become common place. They teach that miracles are the birth-right of the believer and they imply that in the early Church they were common.

However, just a quick glance through the Bible will prove that **miracles were not common place at all. In fact, miracles were very rare and those that actually worked miracles are less than 20 people** (unless you want to add in all of the 70, although we do not know if they performed any true "miracles" per se). The dates cited below come from the Ryie Study Bible and NavPress CD Rom.



MOSES - 1445

JOSHUA - 1240

GIDEON - 1148-1108

SAMSON - 1085-1065

THE PROPHET OF JUDAH WITH JEROBOAM - 931-910

ELIJAH - 874-853

ELISHA - 853-852

ISAIAH - 740-680

THE SEVENTY DISCIPLES

THE APOSTLES -

PETER - 32-33

STEPHEN - 32-33

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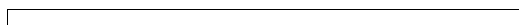
PAUL - 43

PAUL & BARNABAS - 43 -45?

That's all folks! The *rank-and-file* Christian did not perform any miracles in the Bible. Entire Church groups were not known for their signs and wonders. How to perform miracles or obtain stronger anointings are not taught in Scripture nor throughout Church history (until quite recently that is).

Paul stated (2 Cor. 12:12) that he performed the signs of a true apostle among believers as a seal of his apostleship. It was this God-given ability that proved to the congregation that Paul was in fact an apostle.

Miracles were NOT common place in the O.T. nor in the N.T. They have NEVER been common place in the economy of God or the history of the Church.



The only "miracles" we can expect to see in great numbers today are found in the following text of Scripture:

2 Thess. 2:9-10

"Even him who is coming after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not a love of the truth that they might be saved."

Every believer needs to exercise Biblical Discernment when they go to any meeting purporting to have miracles in manifestation. Many have been led astray from the Truth of God's Word by being deceived by men and women who have taught heresy and backed their teaching up with some form of supernatural manifestation.



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