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**The Bible teaches that the ability to perform miraculous signs has ceased. Hence, no one can work such miracles today. And if that is true, then it logically follows that modern miracle workers are frauds! In this “snapshot,” we’ll offer Scriptural support to the idea that miraculous abilities have ceased on earth. The purpose of miracles has ceased; the means of obtaining this power is not available; and the Bible says they would cease. Further, the consequences of having gifts today are unacceptable. Any person who says that we still have these powers is either deceived by false teachers – or they are lying!**

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## **First, we must define the actual issue!**

The issue is NOT: Do we believe that miracles in the Bible actually occurred? YES!  
The issue is NOT: Are we limiting God by saying He cannot work miracles? NO!  
The issue is NOT: Are there some things that happen which are inexplicable? YES!  
The issue IS: Does God still work miracles through men as he did in Bible times? NO!

### **Here are three reasons that miracles have ceased...**

#### **1. The purposes of miracles are fulfilled**

- The work of creation is completed: Even though God CAN create, He no longer does so! (Genesis 2:1-3)
- The work of revelation is completed: God has no more to say to us (2 Peter 1:3; Jude 3; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- The work of confirmation is completed: Jesus' Deity and word are confirmed (John 20:30-31; Hebrews 2:3-4)
- And since the stipulated purposes of miracles are completed, it logically follows that they ceased!

#### **2. There is no way to obtain this power**

- Holy Spirit baptism was promised to "all flesh" to mark the day of salvation (Joel 2:28-32)
- It was given to Jewish flesh (apostles, Acts 2); and Gentile flesh (Cornelius, cf. Acts 10)
- Since "all flesh" has now received Holy Spirit baptism, it logically follows that this has ended
- Furthermore, there are no living apostles to "lay hands on" us! (Acts 6:6-8; 8:14-18; 19:1-6)

#### **3. The Bible says this power would cease**

- Consider Daniel 9:24 (prophecy to cease around the destruction of Jerusalem, in 70 AD)
- Consider Zechariah 13:1-3 (prophecy would cease "in that day" – the time of salvation in Christ)
- Consider 1 Corinthians 13:8-12 (would cease when "the perfect," i.e., God's word, comes – see below)
- Note: Gifts to cease (8); because they gave info in part (9); but when all info given, gifts ended (10)

### **Logical consequences of modern miracles**

- If we still have them, then we should have all of them! (Drink poison, handle snakes, Mark 16:17-18)
- If we still have them, then we are still receiving revelation! (From whom? Mormons? The Pope?)
- If we still have them, then the New Testament is not yet complete! (But compare Jude 3!)
- Therefore, we must conclude that the Bible teaches that miraculous gifts have ceased!





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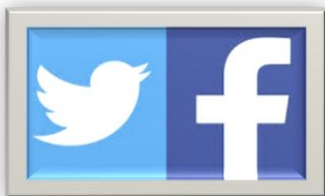
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