

Are Miraculous Gifts Still Working Today?

Two Categories of Spiritual Gifts

- 1) **Edifying gifts - these are permanent gifts for the building up of other believers.**
 - 2) **Miraculous gifts - these were given during the time of the apostles in order to confirm the Word of God among unbelievers. These were not permanent gifts. They are healing, miracles, speaking in unknown languages (tongues), and the interpretation of languages.**
- **Jesus performed miracles in order to prove who He was.**
Acts 2:22 - Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.
 - **The apostles performed miracles in order to confirm their testimony about Jesus.**
Hebrews 2:3-4 - This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. ⁴ God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.
 - **God still does miracles, but the specific gift of miracles given to certain people no longer applies.**

James 5:14-15 - Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up.

1 Timothy 5:23 – (Paul to Timothy), “Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.”

What About The Gift Of Languages (Tongues)?

1 Corinthians 12:8-11 - To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

1 Corinthians 13:1, 8 - If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

Acts 2:1-6 - When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

1 Corinthians 14:22-25 - Tongues, then, are a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers; prophecy, however, is not for unbelievers but for believers. ²³ So if the whole church comes together and everyone speaks in tongues, and inquirers or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind? ²⁴ But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all, ²⁵ as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, “God is really among you!”

- **Speaking in tongues was never speaking unintelligibly. It was speaking a language the hearer would understand, but was unknown to the speaker.**
- **The purpose of tongues was to share the gospel with unbelievers.**