



Where is the Miracle?

1 Corinthians 13: 13

Misconception:

- There are no miracles in this generation?
- Recorded in the book of the Gospels, Jesus spoke to teaches of the law, Pharisees and Sadducees.
(Matt 12: 39, 16: 4; Mark 8: 12; Luke 11: 29)

Mark 8 : 11-13

The Pharisees came and began to question Jesus. **To test him**, they asked him for **a sign from heaven**.

He sighed deeply and said, “Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to it.”

Where are the Miracles?

1. The presence of miracles
2. The general conditions
3. The source of the miracles

1. The Presence of the Miracles

- a. **Jesus** performed Miracles.
(John 4: 48)
- b. **The Disciples** received the authority to perform miracles from Jesus. (Luke 9: 1-2)
- c. **Believers** receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor 11: 1-11)

- Miracles are closely connected with the **gospel**.
- The presence of the miracles has a very direct purpose, which is to be witness for Christ and to confirm the gospel.

2. The General Conditions

a. Zealous **Love**

b. Unshakable **Faith**

c. Unbreakable **Hope**

- Miracles often presence in evangelical meetings, missions' fields, and visitations.
- Where is the miracle? We should ask how is our faith and hope in God, and more importantly, where is our zealous love for God and soul?

3. The Source of the Miracles

- a. Authority given by Jesus
(Luke 9: 1-6)
- b. The Gift of the Holy Spirit
(1 Cor 12: 1-11)
- c. Satan's Impersonation
(Matt 24: 24)

Conclusion

- Miracles do exist, from Jesus to disciples and to believers today.
- The presence of miracles comes with faith, hope and love.
- The source of miracles can be the authority given by God and the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is also from Satan's impersonation.

Where is the miracle in our church?

- **John Wesley**- sermon 89 on 1 Corinthians 12: 31, The More Excellent Way.

1. Our **love** is “waxed cold”.
2. Loss of **faith**.
3. Loss of **holiness**.
4. Refuse to believe in the work of the **Holy Spirit**.

“The cause of this was not, (as has been vulgarly supposed,) “because there was no more occasion for them,” because all the world was become Christians. This is a miserable mistake; not a twentieth part of it was then nominally Christian. The real cause was, “the love of many,” almost of all Christians, so called, was “waxed cold.” The Christians had no more of the Spirit of Christ than the other heathens. The Son of Man, when he came to examine his Church, could hardly “find faith upon earth.” This was the real cause why the extraordinary gifts of the Holy Ghost were no longer to be found in the Christian Church; because the Christians were turned Heathens again and had only a dead form left.”

The disciples and missionaries often experience miracles, they love God, love the lost souls, they have great zeal in them, even they are willing to sacrifice their life.

What about us?