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Introduction

- Today, many apparently sincere people claim that by the Holy Spirit, they can prophesy, speak in tongues and heal the sick
- These claims come from a belief that we are a part of the process of revealing and confirming the Word of God by having miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit
- We are not involved in the process but receive the benefits of His work

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Introduction

- The miraculous gifts were given to the apostles and various Christians to reveal and confirm the Word of God by miracles and to edify the church until the New Testament was completed
- The Spirit still works today by His Word blessing us with different talents to serve Him in a variety of ways
- God still heals today but not by Christians performing miracles

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What Were The Miraculous Gifts?

- The miraculous spiritual gifts were manifestations of the Holy Spirit resulting in some Christians having miraculous abilities
- The apostles possessed all of these gifts
- The Holy Spirit gave them power to impart miraculous gifts to some Christians through the laying on of their hands
- No matter how they were imparted, the Holy Spirit distributed them as He willed

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What Were The Miraculous Gifts?

1Co 12:1 Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware.

1Co 12:4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.

1Co 12:5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.

1Co 12:6 There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all *persons*.

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What Were The Miraculous Gifts?

1Co 12:7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1Co 12:8 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit;

1Co 12:9 to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

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What Were The Miraculous Gifts?

1Co 12:10 and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another *various* kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues.

1Co 12:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

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Who Received The Miraculous Gifts?

- The apostles possessed all miraculous spiritual gifts since they were for the most part given authority to reveal and confirm the New Testament
- Other Christians received various miraculous gifts
- Some Christians did not receive any miraculous gifts
- This means speaking in tongues was never meant for all Christians

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Who Received The Miraculous Gifts?

1Co 12:28 And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, *various* kinds of tongues.

1Co 12:29 All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not *workers of* miracles, are they?

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Who Received The Miraculous Gifts?

1Co 12:30 All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they?

1Co 12:31 But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way.

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Who Received The Miraculous Gifts?

Eph 4:7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Eph 4:11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

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Who Received The Miraculous Gifts?

1Co 14:15 What is *the outcome* then? I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the mind also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the mind also.

1Co 14:16 Otherwise if you bless in the spirit *only*, how will the one who fills the place of the ungifted say the "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you are saying?

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Who Received The Miraculous Gifts?

1Co 14:17 For you are giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not edified.

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1Co 14:25 the secrets of his heart are disclosed; and so he will fall on his face and worship God, declaring that God is certainly among you.

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How Did Christians Receive Miraculous Gifts?

- The Holy Spirit was responsible for distributing miraculous gifts
- At times He directly gave gifts to some including the apostles and household of Cornelius
- The apostles could impart gifts to others through the laying on of their hands
- Possibly, others received gifts in other ways

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The Holy Spirit Responsible For Distributing All Miraculous Gifts

1Co 12:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

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The Apostles Received Miraculous Gifts Directly From The Holy Spirit

Act 2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

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Act 2:3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

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Cornelius' Household Received Miraculous Gifts Directly From The Holy Spirit

Act 10:44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message.

Act 10:45 All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

Act 10:46 For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God.

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Christians Received Miraculous Gifts By Laying On of Apostles' Hands

Act 8:14 Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John,

Act 8:15 who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

Act 8:16 For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

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Christians Received Miraculous Gifts By Laying On of Apostles' Hands

Act 8:17 Then they *began* laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.

Act 8:18 Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money,

Act 8:19 saying, "Give this authority to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

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Christians Received Miraculous Gifts By Laying On of Apostles' Hands

Act 19:1 It happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus, and found some disciples.

Act 19:2 He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they *said* to him, "No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

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Act 19:3 And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" And they said, "Into John's baptism."

Act 19:4 Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus."

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Christians Received Miraculous Gifts By Laying On of Apostles' Hands

Act 19:5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Act 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they *began* speaking with tongues and prophesying.

Act 19:7 There were in all about twelve men.

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Possible Other Ways Christians Received Miraculous Gifts

Act 9:17 So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

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Possible Other Ways Christians Received Miraculous Gifts

1Ti 4:14 Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery.

1Co 14:13 Therefore let one who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.

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The Miraculous Gifts of The Holy Spirit

1. What were the miraculous gifts?
2. Who received the miraculous gifts?
3. How did Christians receive miraculous gifts?

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What Were The Purposes Of The Miraculous Gifts?

- First, these gifts were given to reveal and confirm God's Word
- This shows that while the gifts existed, God's Truth was not fully revealed
- Also, the gifts were designed to edify the church by the Word of God not to exalt individuals above others
- Finally, these gifts were given to convince unbelievers that the gospel message was true

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Miraculous Gifts Given To Reveal and Confirm The Word of God

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Act 2:5 Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven.

Act 2:6 And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language.

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Miraculous Gifts Given To Reveal and Confirm The Word of God

Act 2:7 They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

Act 2:8 "And how is it that we each hear *them* in our own language to which we were born?"

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Miraculous Gifts Given To Reveal and Confirm The Word of God

Heb 2:3 how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,

Heb 2:4 God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

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Miraculous Gifts Given To Reveal and Confirm The Word of God

1Co 14:5 Now I wish that you all spoke in tongues, but *even* more that you would prophesy; and greater is one who prophesies than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may receive edifying.

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Miraculous Gifts Given To Reveal and Confirm The Word of God

1Co 14:6 But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking in tongues, what will I profit you unless I speak to you either by way of revelation or of knowledge or of prophecy or of teaching?

1Co 14:9 So also you, unless you utter by the tongue speech that is clear, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air.

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Miraculous Gifts Given To Reveal and Confirm The Word of God

1Co 14:10 There are, perhaps, a great many kinds of languages in the world, and no *kind* is without meaning.

1Co 14:11 If then I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be to the one who speaks a barbarian, and the one who speaks will be a barbarian to me.

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Miraculous Gifts Given To Instruct and Edify The Church

Eph 4:11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

Eph 4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

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Miraculous Gifts Given To Instruct and Edify The Church

Eph 4:13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Eph 4:14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

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Miraculous Gifts Given To Instruct and Edify The Church

Eph 4:15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ,

Eph 4:16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

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Miraculous Gifts Given To Instruct and Edify The Church

1Co 14:1 Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual *gifts*, but especially that you may prophesy.

1Co 14:2 For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God; for no one understands, but in *his* spirit he speaks mysteries.

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Miraculous Gifts Given To Instruct and Edify The Church

1Co 14:3 But one who prophesies speaks to men for edification and exhortation and consolation.

1Co 14:4 One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself; but one who prophesies edifies the church.

1Co 14:12 So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual *gifts*, seek to abound for the edification of the church.

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Miraculous Gifts Given To Instruct and Edify The Church

1Co 14:13 Therefore let one who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.

1Co 14:14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.

1Co 14:15 What is *the outcome* then? I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the mind also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the mind also.

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1Co 14:17 For you are giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not edified.

1Co 14:18 I thank God, I speak in tongues more than you all;

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Miraculous Gifts Given To Instruct and Edify The Church

1Co 14:19 however, in the church I desire to speak five words with my mind so that I may instruct others also, rather than ten thousand words in a tongue.

1Co 14:26 What is *the outcome* then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

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Miraculous Gifts Given To Convince Unbelievers of The Gospel

1Co 14:22 So then tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophecy *is for a sign*, not to unbelievers but to those who believe.

1Co 14:23 Therefore if the whole church assembles together and all speak in tongues, and ungifted men or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are mad?

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1Co 14:24 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an ungifted man enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all;

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How Long Were These Miraculous Gifts To Last?

- Paul stated plainly that miraculous gifts would end when that which is perfect comes
- Miraculous gifts were temporary lasting until the New Testament was completely revealed and confirmed
- They were God's means of revealing and confirming His Word to the early church
- Claims of miraculous gifts today deny the New testament is finished and confirmed ⁵¹

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Paul Warns About The Sinful Unloving Use of Miraculous Gifts

1Co 13:2 If I have *the gift of* prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

1Co 13:3 And if I give all my possessions to feed *the poor*, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

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Paul Beautifully Describes How Love Behaves

1Co 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind *and* is not jealous; love does not brag *and* is not arrogant,

1Co 13:5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong *suffered*,

1Co 13:6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

1Co 13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁵⁴

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Paul States Miraculous Gifts Would End When God's Word Is Completely Revealed

1Co 13:8 Love never fails; but if *there are gifts of prophecy*, they will be done away; if *there are tongues*, they will cease; if *there is knowledge*, it will be done away.

1Co 13:9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part;

1Co 13:10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.

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Paul States Miraculous Gifts Would End When God's Word Is Completely Revealed

1Co 13:11 When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.

1Co 13:12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.

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Paul States Miraculous Gifts Would End When God's Word Is Completely Revealed

1Co 13:13 But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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Paul Is Not Referring To Christ's Second Coming or Heaven

2Co 5:7 for we walk by faith, not by sight--

Rom 8:24 For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he *already* sees?

Rom 8:25 But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

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God Still Heals Today But Not By Miraculous Gifts

Php 2:27 For indeed he was sick to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, so that I would not have sorrow upon sorrow.

Php 2:28 Therefore I have sent him all the more eagerly so that when you see him again you may rejoice and I may be less concerned *about you*.

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As We Apply His Word The Holy Spirit Gives Us Gifts To Serve God

1Pe 4:10 As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

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As We Apply His Word The Holy Spirit Gives Us Gifts To Serve God

1Pe 4:11 Whoever speaks, *is to do so* as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves *is to do so* as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

The Miraculous Gifts of The Holy Spirit

1. What were the miraculous gifts?
2. Who received the miraculous gifts?
3. How did Christians receive miraculous gifts?
4. What were the purposes of the miraculous gifts?
5. How long were these miraculous gifts to last?