

The Holy Spirit

Lesson 5

Tongues and Miracle Workers Today

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Miracles Have Ceased

1. What is a miracle?
2. Why were miracles performed?
3. Who performed miracles?
4. When did miracles end?
5. God still heals today

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Introduction

- Different men and women in different denominations claim to perform miracles today
- One of the most well known is Benny Hinn
- Two most popular so-called miracles are tongues and healings
- If miracles have ceased, then why do so many believe their claims?

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Introduction

- People are confused about the nature, purpose and duration of miracles
- Let us compare the claims regarding tongues and healing of those today with the New Testament record that we may know what is true

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Tongues and Miracle Workers Today

1. Tongues then and now
2. Healings then and now

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Tongues Then And Now

- Tongues most sought after miraculous gift today along with healing
- But tongues today are not the same as New Testament tongues either in nature or purpose
- And, remember in the last lesson, we noted that Paul plainly says tongues will cease with the completion of written Word

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What Are Tongues?

- New Testament clearly defines tongues as languages commonly spoken by humanity
- These languages were unlearned by the speakers but were miraculously given by the Holy Spirit
- Therefore, they were used as both a means to reveal God's Word and to confirm it at the same time
- Tongues were signs to the lost and a means for edifying the church

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Meaning and Purpose of New Testament Tongues

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.

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

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Meaning and Purpose of New Testament Tongues

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.

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

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Meaning and Purpose of New Testament Tongues

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.

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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Meaning and Purpose of New Testament Tongues

Act 2:9 "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

Act 2:10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

Act 2:11 Cretans and Arabs--we hear them in our *own* tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God."

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Meaning and Purpose of New Testament Tongues

Act 2:14 But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words.

Act 2:15 "For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is *only* the third hour of the day;

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Meaning and Purpose of New Testament Tongues

Act 2:16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:

Act 2:17 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS;

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Meaning and Purpose of New Testament Tongues

Act 2:21 'AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.'

Act 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know--

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Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

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Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!"

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Meaning and Purpose of New Testament Tongues

Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Act 2:43 Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

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Tongues Used To Edify The Church With God's Word

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 14:7 Yet *even* lifeless things, either flute or harp, in producing a sound, if they do not produce a distinction in the tones, how will it be known what is played on the flute or on the harp?

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Tongues Used To Edify The Church With God's Word

1Co 14:8 For if the bugle produces an indistinct sound, who will prepare himself for battle?

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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Tongues Used To Edify The Church With God's Word

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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Tongues Used To Edify The Church With God's Word

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

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

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

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Tongues Used To Edify The Church With God's Word

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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1Co 14:27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, *it should be* by two or at the most three, and *each* in turn, and one must interpret;

1Co 14:28 but if there is no interpreter, he must keep silent in the church; and let him speak to himself and to God.

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Tongues Used As Sign To Unbelievers

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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Tongues Used As Sign To Unbelievers

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;

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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Tongues To Cease When New Testament Was Completed

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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Modern So-Called Tongues

- Not human languages but babbling
- Not given by Holy Spirit but learned from other so-called tongue-speakers
- Do not edify the church but bring attention to the one claiming to speak in tongues
- Do not provide Divine revelation – all is completed in New Testament
- Conflicting denominations claim to speak in tongues

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Tongues and Miracle Workers Today

1. Tongues then and now
2. Healings then and now

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Healings Then And Now

- Many claim to perform miracles today especially healing the sick and injured
- Modern miracle workers and New Testament record do not match up
- Fail to understand the nature purpose and duration of miracles including healings

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Purpose of Healings and Other Miracles

Heb 2:1 For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away *from it*.

Heb 2:2 For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty,

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Purpose of Healings and Other Miracles

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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Healings Then And Now

- Today, modern so-called miracle workers draw attention and money to themselves based on their ability to perform miracles and healings
- No such self-serving motives among the apostles – received persecution but no material riches
- Those healed were not required to believe in Jesus before they were healed

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Healings Then And Now

- Healings were obvious to all including Jesus and His apostles' enemies
- Today, people claim to heal diseases and injuries that are staged and cannot be verified or confirmed by people they are authentic
- Modern miracle workers teach conflicting doctrines with the Word of God

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Healings Then And Now

- Regarding the nature of God, day of worship, salvation and other topics, many diverse opposing teachers from various groups all claim to perform healings and other miracles today
- God is not the author of confusion – we must believe His Word and reject false teachers who claim to heal others through miracles

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No Self-serving Motives In Healing People

2Co 12:6 For if I do wish to boast I will not be foolish, for I will be speaking the truth; but I refrain *from this*, so that no one will credit me with more than he sees *in* me or hears from me.

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No Self-serving Motives In Healing People

2Co 12:7 Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me--to keep me from exalting myself!

2Co 12:8 Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me.

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No Self-serving Motives In Healing People

2Co 12:9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

2Co 12:10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

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Faith In Jesus Not Required of Those Who Were Healed

Act 3:1 Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth *hour*, the hour of prayer.

Act 3:2 And a man who had been lame from his mother's womb was being carried along, whom they used to set down every day at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, in order to beg alms of those who were entering the temple.

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Faith In Jesus Not Required of Those Who Were Healed

Act 3:3 When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he *began* asking to receive alms.

Act 3:4 But Peter, along with John, fixed his gaze on him and said, "Look at us!"

Act 3:5 And he *began* to give them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

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Faith In Jesus Not Required of Those Who Were Healed

Act 3:6 But Peter said, "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene--walk!"

Act 3:7 And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened.

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Act 3:8 With a leap he stood upright and *began* to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

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Healings Obvious To All Even Christ's Enemies

Act 4:7 When they had placed them in the center, they *began* to inquire, "By what power, or in what name, have you done this?"

Act 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people,

Act 4:9 if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well, 43

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Act 4:10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead-- by this *name* this man stands here before you in good health.

Act 4:11 "He is the **STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED** by you, **THE BUILDERS**, *but WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone*. 44

Healings Obvious To All Even Christ's Enemies

Act 4:12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

Act 4:13 Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and *began* to recognize them as having been with Jesus. 45

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Act 4:14 And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in reply.

Act 4:15 But when they had ordered them to leave the Council, they *began* to confer with one another, 46

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Act 4:16 saying, "What shall we do with these men? For the fact that a noteworthy miracle has taken place through them is apparent to all who live in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. 47

Benny Hinn's False Teaching On How To Be Saved

"Dear Lord Jesus,
I believe You are the Son of God. I believe You came to earth 2,000 years ago. I believe you died for me on the cross and shed Your blood for my salvation. I believe you rose from the dead and ascended on high. I believe You are coming back again to earth. Dear Jesus, I am a sinner. Forgive my sin. Cleanse me now with Your precious blood. " 48

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"Come into my heart. Save my soul right now. I give you my life. I receive You now as my Savior, my Lord, and my God. I am Yours forever, and I will serve You and follow You the rest of my days. From this moment on, I belong to You only. I no longer belong to this world, nor to the enemy of my soul. I belong to You, and I am born again. Amen!"

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Benny Hinn's False Teaching On How To Be Saved

"By praying this prayer, confessing your sins, and receiving Jesus Christ into your heart, God has given you the right to become His forgiven child. "

From Benny Hinn's Web site

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Deu 13:2 and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,'

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Reject False Miracle Workers And Follow The Word of God

Deu 13:3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the LORD your God is testing you to find out if you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Deu 13:4 "You shall follow the LORD your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and cling to Him.

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Reject False Miracle Workers And Follow The Word of God

Deu 13:5 "But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has counseled rebellion against the LORD your God who brought you from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, to seduce you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from among you.

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Reject False Miracle Workers And Follow The Word of God

Deu 13:6 "If your brother, your mother's son, or your son or daughter, or the wife you cherish, or your friend who is as your own soul, entice you secretly, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods' (whom neither you nor your fathers have known,

Deu 13:7 of the gods of the peoples who are around you, near you or far from you, from one end of the earth to the other end),

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Reject False Miracle Workers And Follow The Word of God

Deu 13:8 you shall not yield to him or listen to him; and your eye shall not pity him, nor shall you spare or conceal him.

Deu 13:9 "But you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

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Deu 13:10 "So you shall stone him to death because he has sought to seduce you from the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

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