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What Does the Bible Say About Miracles?

By: David Sproule

The Bible is filled with powerful, awe-inspiring miracles. These great works were supernatural events ([Acts 2:22](#)), that could not be explained by natural law. While miracles permeate Scripture, they were not continuous throughout history, nor were they granted to all of God's people. This alone indicates a Divine purpose behind their appearance and their timing. When the Bible is allowed to define miracles, it is clear that God designed them for a specific work that has been completed.

The Bible teaches that miracles had a defined purpose. Their first purpose was **revelation**—to reveal all truth to the apostles and inspired writers ([John 14:26](#); [16:13](#); [1 Cor. 2:10-13](#)). Their second purpose was **confirmation**—to prove that the message they preached was truly from God ([John 3:2](#); [Mark 16:20](#); [Heb. 2:3-4](#)). Their third purpose was **producing faith**, both in those who witnessed them and in all who later read of them ([John 20:30-31](#); [Rom. 10:17](#)). Once God's message was fully revealed, fully confirmed and fully recorded, the purpose of miracles was fulfilled (and does not need to be re-confirmed).

The Bible teaches that miraculous power had a defined means of reception. In the New Testament, there were only two ways a person received the ability to perform miracles: (1) the baptism of the Holy Spirit and (2) the laying on of the apostles' hands. Holy Spirit baptism only

occurred twice—upon the apostles in Acts 2 and upon Cornelius in Acts 10—both for unique, foundational purposes. The other means was through the physical hands of living apostles ([Acts 8:14-19](#); [19:6](#); [2 Tim. 1:6](#)). Since the apostles are no longer living and Holy Spirit baptism is not occurring today ([Eph. 4:5](#)), there is no avenue through which miraculous power can be received. Thus, the miraculous age cannot continue.

The Bible defines the duration of miracles. Miraculous gifts were temporary, lasting only “till we all come to the unity of the faith” ([Eph. 4:13](#)). God's revelation was given part-by-part through miraculous gifts but would cease “when that which is perfect”—the complete revelation—came ([1 Cor. 13:8-10](#)). Once the New Testament was finished, the church reached maturity, the partial gave way to the complete, and miracles fulfilled their God-given purpose.

In conclusion, Biblical miracles accomplished exactly what God intended—they revealed truth, confirmed it and produced saving faith. Today, we possess the fully revealed, fully confirmed Word of God, which “thoroughly equips” us in every good work ([2 Tim. 3:16-17](#)). While the age of miracles has ended, the power of God's written Word remains—living, active and sufficient for all who seek Him.

The Heart of Those Who Seek the Lost

By: Selected

When Paul arrived in Thessalonica, his body showed the shameful treatment he had received at Philippi. He and Silas had just been dragged into the marketplace, brought before the magistrates who ripped their garments off of them and publicly beaten them with rods, and they received many stripes. They were thrown into jail where they could hardly move because their feet were securely fastened in stocks. At midnight they were singing praises to God!

The next day, they left Philippi and arrived in Thessalonica—their bodies showing the beating they had just received. These two men immediately began teaching the lost. They were there for only three weeks before severe persecution arose, and the new Christians there helped them escape by night. Read all the details in Acts chapters sixteen and seventeen.

Paul did not forget them, and shortly afterwards wrote his first letter to them. While he mentions what had happened in Philippi, he did not have to give details of what those babes in Christ had actually seen. He devotes an entire chapter of the epistle to describe his attitude in preaching. Every soul winner and preacher should read 1 Thessalonians 2 to have his own life changed by seeing the heart each of us should have. Read this chapter often and meditate on it.

Note the great faith and spirituality we all should have as we teach others. Prayerfully consider the following:

- He boldly spoke the gospel (v. 2).
- He boldly spoke the gospel surrounded by conflict (v. 2).
- He was not deceitful with hidden motives (v. 3).
- He understood God had entrusted him with the gospel.

- He spoke only the message entrusted to him (v. 4).
- He spoke not to please men, but his Judge (v. 4).
- He did not use flattering words (v. 5).
- He was not doing this to gain money (v. 5).
- He sought no glory from any man (v. 6).
- He was gentle like a mother in dealing with them.
- He cherished them like they were his children (v. 7).
- He affectionally longed to save them (v. 8).
- He was not lazy, but labored day and night (v. 9).
- He was devout, just and blameless (v. 10).
- He exhorted and comforted like a father (v. 11).
- His goal was to lead them to walk in a new way in the new kingdom (v. 12).
- He prayed for them without ceasing (v. 13).

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Upcoming Events

TODAY: Monthly youth devo after evening worship at the McCoys. Boys bring drinks, girls bring desserts.

Sun. Feb. 15: Annual Chili Cook-off after evening service. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin in the hallway.

February 20-22, 2026: Midtown's Youth Winter Retreat at Peach Valley AIM Camp for 6th –12th grade. Flyers and schedule are in the foyer in the hallway. It is also available on our website under Files.

Area events:

Area events/details are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please check them out.

Prayer List

Prayer Requests:

Jeff Cannady who had foot surgery.

Eddie Serenil who was in the hospital last week. Doctors will be deciding if he will need his heart catheter redone.

Gina Gawlik who is on hospice care. She is Veronica Serenil's daughter's mother- in- law.

Members

Jeff Cannady and Veronica Serenil.

January and February Birthdays!

If you have a birthday in January or February, you and your family are invited to celebrate at the McCoy house (102 Oxford St.) on Saturday, February 14th from 2-4pm.

Service Roster

Week of February 8, 2026

Sunday Morning

Scripture Reading Ferman Rosales
Song Leader Barry Lehtinen

Opening Prayer Jake Jacobs
Closing Prayer Randy D'Herde

Lord's Supper & Offering

Bread Bryant Siegel
Cup Lupe Escojido
Offering Benny Horton
Assist Caleb Lehtinen
Assist Kanin Jacobs
Assist Steve Randle

Sunday Evening

Song Leader Kirk FitzSimmons

Opening Prayer James Cammock
Closing Prayer Benny Horton

Lord's Supper & Offering Billy York/
Steve Randle

Wednesday Evening

Adult Class Cody McCoy
Song Leader Jack Jobes
Devotional Ron White

Other

Prepare Communion for Feb.....

Congregational News This Week

Anniversaries

Curtis & Rita Rosenbrock Feb. 10
Ron & Mary Jo White Feb. 11

If you have any prayer requests, upcoming events to be announced, or updates/corrections please contact our secretary, Nina Siegel, at (361) 573-0030 or email office.midtownchurch@gmail.com

Our Elders

Mark FitzSimmons
Ron White

Our Deacons

James Cammock—Evangelism
Lupe Escoido—Benevolence
Doug Jobes—Safety, Men's Encouragement &
Winter Youth Retreat
Kevin Sheeran—Worship Organization and
Communication
Bryant Siegel—Education and Finance

Our Minister

Cody McCoy

Weekly Reading

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
Psalm 23:4

Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship.....	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....	5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Class.....	7:00 P.M.

Attendance Records

Week of February 1, 2026

A.M. Bible Class.....	77
A.M. Worship.....	105
P.M. Worship.....	68
Wednesday Worship.....	58

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