

Three Things

About Miraculous Gifts

(1 Corinthians 13; Ephesians 4)

- Introduction:
1. Tonight will be the first lesson of a series of twelve lessons that will be presented this year under the title of “Three Things.”
 2. Once each month, we will address three things regarding various Bible topics.
 3. Tonight’s topic is “Three Things About Miraculous Gifts.”

I. Miracles Are Real

- A. The Bible is a book of amazing miracles!
 1. Creation (Genesis 1-2).
 2. Parting the Red Sea (Exodus 14:13-31).
 3. Surviving the fiery furnace (Daniel 3:19-25).
 4. Resurrections from the dead.
 - a. Widow of Nain’s son (Luke 7:11-17).
 - b. Lazarus (John 11:1-44).
 - c. Dorcas (Acts 9:36-42).
- B. Miraculous gifts were given by God to men (1 Corinthians 12).
- C. Miracles are not simply amazing feats, but events that transcend or supersede natural laws.

II. Miraculous Gifts Have Ceased

- A. While miraculous abilities were real, that had an expiration date placed upon them by God.
- B. (1 Corinthians 13 & Ephesians 4).
- C. The fact that miraculous gifts don’t exist today does not mean that we have been cheated.
 1. We have the opportunity to read reliable testimony of miracles.
 2. Have you ever wondered if a 1st Century Christian might feel we are the ones with the advantage, having a Bible?

III. Why It Matters

- A. Because of the religious exploitation that is taking place.
- B. People who are desperate for hope, are drained of their money, hope, and faith by today’s charlatans.
- C. (2 Peter 2:1-3).
- D. (Jude 3-4, 12).

- Conclusion:
1. It thrills me to read of the miracles of the Bible.
 2. They fulfilled their purpose, confirming the identity of Jesus (Mark 16:20).
 3. It is my hope that you will allow the miracles you read about to do their job, still today.