

Signs of the Followers of Jesus Christ

Scripture clearly teaches the Christ expects His followers to anticipate miraculous activities as they proclaim the Good News.

AND when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. Matthew 10:1

And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils: Mark 3:14-15

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. Mark 16:15-18

And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. Luke 9:2

And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. Luke 10:17

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. John 14:12-14

These signs, done by true disciples, confirm that the gospel message is genuine, that God's Kingdom has come to earth in power and the living and risen Jesus Christ is present and working through His believers.

The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. *John 10:25*

The father is in me, I in him and i in you.

Everyone of these signs occurred in the recorded history of the early church.

- *Speaking in tongues:
And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:4*

For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Acts 10:46

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. Acts 19:6

- *Driving out demons / spirits*

Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one. Acts 5:15-16

And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour. Acts 15:18

And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. Acts 19:11-12

- *Escaping from snakebites & poison*

Acts 28:3-5

- *Healing the sick*

Acts 3:1-7, 8:7; 9:33-34; 14:8-10; 19:6; 1 Cor 12:30,