

# **Is this the Age of Miracles**

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## **I. Introduction.**

- A. Charismatics will not allow for apostolic uniqueness--they want to make this the norm for every generation.
- B. Question: is the apostolic experience normal for every church?
- C. This claim cannot be verified at all.

## **II. The miracle element.**

- A. Miracles only occurred during three major times: Moses, Elijah, and Jesus.
- B. Purposes for miracles.
  - 1. To introduce a new era of revelation.
  - 2. To authenticate the messengers of that revelation. (Exodus 4, 1 Kings 17:24, Acts 14:3)
  - 3. To authenticate the message that is given.
  - 4. To call the attention of those listening to new revelation. (Exodus 6:7; 7:17; 8:19; 1 Kings 17:24; 8:36; John 20:30; Acts 5:12)
- C. Miracles are not for seeking. They were all signs to authenticate revelation. (Mark 16:20; Acts 2:22, Hebrews 2:3-4)
- D. One cannot have a miracle unless one has revelation.
- E. Our hope and anchor in the world is not a miracle but the Holy Scripture. (Romans 15:4, Revelation 1, James 1:25)

## **III. Apostleship.**

- A. Apostleship and the new revelation period are connected. (2 Corinthians 12:11)
- B. Reason for apostleship.
  - 1. They are the foundation of the church.
  - 2. They were witnesses of the resurrection. (Acts 1:22)
  - 3. Apostles were specifically chosen by Christ. There is a distinction between apostles of the church and apostles of the Lord. No miracles are recorded by apostles of the church. (Matthew 13, Luke 6:13, 2 Corinthians 8:23)

4. They were authenticated by miracles.
5. They had absolute authority. (1 Corinthians 14:47, Jude 17)
6. They have a unique place forever. (Revelation 21)

**Application Questions:**

1. What is the purpose of miracles in the Bible?

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2. What role does Scripture play in the church today?

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3. Did you find the speaker's argument convincing? Assess the strengths and weaknesses of his argument.

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