

The Sign Gifts
Various Passages

1. The gifts of _____ and _____.

Healing: the Spirit-given ability to serve as human intermediaries through whom God consistently works to _____ physical, emotional and spiritual ailments and restore health apart from _____ means.

Miracles: the Spirit-given ability to serve as human intermediaries through whom God consistently works to perform _____ acts that are perceived by observers to have _____ the ordinary course of nature.

The gifts of healing and miracles were intended to accompany the proclamation of the _____ before there was any universally accepted, written authority in existence to verify its claims (i.e., the _____).

But be careful not to put _____ in a _____. He is free to do anything He wants.

God is _____ a God of miracles and healing. But he works through the prayers of His people today.

2. The gifts of _____ and _____.

Tongues: the Spirit-given ability to speak in an _____ language which one has never _____.

Interpretation: the Spirit-given ability to _____ the message of one speaking in tongues from a _____ one has never learned.

1 Cor. 14:21-22a tells us that tongues was given as fulfillment of prophecy (Is. 28:11-12) to be a sign to unbelievers, especially the _____, that God was pouring out His Spirit in a new way.

I believe that the modern practice of speaking in tongues is simply not a _____ practice.

I do believe, however, that believers are free to pray any way they want, as long as they don't try to make their own practice or experience _____ for others in violation of Scripture.

Calvary Connection Group

Discussion Questions for the week of Jan. 9, 2022

Getting to Know Me

- Would you rather cross the ocean on a cruise ship or on a supersonic airliner? Why?
- If you could have any food you wanted, as much as you wanted, but only that food, for the rest of your life, what would it be? Why?

Into the Bible

- What one thing stood out to you in this week's sermon as something important to understand and apply?

- The issue of sign gifts, and speaking in tongues in particular, is one of the most divisive issues in the church. Whole denominations have divided and sprung into being on account of this one issue. But it doesn't need to be, if we just follow the biblical rules. What are the biblical rules for the use of the gift of tongues in 1 Cor. 14:26-33?

- Trace the expansion of the gospel message into different groups of people by observing the kinds of people who are speaking in tongues and what kind of people were listening in the following passages (if it's specified): Acts 2:1-12; 8:14-17; 10:1-2, 44-48; 19:1-7. What does this variation in speakers say to us about the purpose of the gift of tongues?

- One of the most divisive elements of false teaching about speaking in tongues is that this gift is said to be a sign of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. That is, if you don't speak in tongues then you aren't baptized in the Holy Spirit. Is this a biblical teaching? Read 1 Cor. 12:11, 13, 27-31.

Application

- God can, and does, work miracles today. He can, and does, heal today. What experiences have you had in your life that affirm these statements?

- Why do you think that the Body of Christ is so divided over one of the spiritual gifts, when the purpose of all spiritual gifts is to edify the Body and help us grow to be more like Christ? (Eph. 4:11-16; 1 Cor. 14:12)