

Miracles

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The only thing you need to receive your miracle is to discover who you are in Christ. When you understand who you are in Christ, you understand the miracle-working power Jesus has given you. You then become contagious and you can't help but share His truth with the world!

“The former treatise have I made of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: to whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: and, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me” (Acts 1:1-4).

When you discover who you are in Christ, you begin to measure your life and ministry by Jesus' model. You begin to want what He wants for the same reason He wants it. Your starting point begins when you desire to do *“all that Jesus began both to do and teach”* (Acts 1:1).

First Timothy 1:15 says: *“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”* Jesus came to save the lost and He wants you to do the same thing. When soul-winning becomes your passion, you are developing the maturity God desires for you to have. Jesus did all He did right up *“until the day in which he was taken up.”* His example is supposed to be the inspiration for the way you live your life. Jesus never knew a failure. He never met a sin that was too bad to forgive. He never met a sickness He couldn't heal. In essence, Jesus never met impossibility. Christ, the hope of glory is in you – He is your inspiration. Follow His example. Just like Him, you can believe there is no failure, sin, sickness or impossibility you can't overcome.

God sent Jesus to redeem and justify you. Jesus sent the Holy Ghost to live in you. *“He through the Holy Ghost had given commandments”*, Acts 1:2. The Holy Ghost in you allows you to continue doing the works of Jesus. Recognize the challenge God has set before you to reach the lost world. Then accept and agree to meet that challenge.

“The apostles whom he had chosen.” Apostles are *“appointed ones”* or *“sent forth ones.”* You have been sent forth to

accomplish the Great Commission – to take action. One of my favorite verses is John 17:18. In it Jesus said, *“As the Father sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.”* You are one of the appointed ones, and Jesus has sent you to the world. When you take action, God honors it! I discovered this truth as a 13-year-old boy. When someone gave me a toy paper press, I made salvation tracts based on John 3:16. Then I went door-to-door and passed out those tracts. People got saved. That experience planted a seed in my heart. I didn't understand it then, but God was showing me the power of the printed word. Today my ministry publishes literature in 132 languages! Take action! Work! It's an important element to having miracle success.

Acts 1:3 says *“he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs.”* If Jesus ministry hadn't continued after His death, the gospel wouldn't have been credible. As one of His disciples, you must demonstrate the same ministry He demonstrated. You must reach out and share His message and power with others. The gospel is only reliable if Hebrews 13:8 is true: *“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever.”*

The greatest miracle Jesus performed was that of forgiving sins. Before you were saved, sin stood between you and God. But because of Jesus' death and resurrection, that debt was paid. You are now legally free. Of course Jesus didn't forgive your sins just for you. He did it so you could take His message to others so that they can be free too!

Acts 1:4 says He *“assembled together with them.”* Jesus assembled with His disciples. That tells me everywhere you go, Jesus is there too! I've been blessed to see people saved and healed in almost 70 countries. The world needs to hear that Jesus loves them. The world needs to know the excitement of the Jesus kind of life.

When you teach people who they are in Christ, you teach them how to spell their own miracle. Your life in Christ is a miracle! It's one you can pass on to others so they can have the same miracle-working power in their lives too. So don't wait. Christ in you, the hope of glory, has paved the way for you to receive your miracle! Christ in you, the hope of glory, is ready to help you do even more than He did!

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