

Do You Believe In Miracles?

Whatever happened to the Supernatural? Why is it that in the day in which we live we see so little of the miraculous? Is it because there is no God or is it because there is so little faith?

I want to believe in miracles. Don't you? I want to believe in the miraculous hand of God, don't you? I want to believe that the supernatural is still available and at our fingertips. Don't you?

Could it be that there are so few miraculous healings because there are so few of us who really believe God is still alive? Is it possible that even those of us who believe in God still have a hard time convincing ourselves that He is still in the miracle working business?

Would He even BE God if He could not do the miraculous?

In the past weeks I have seen the miraculous hand of God move, yet even after it occurred it was still hard for me to give credit where credit is due. In each case I knew what I was seeing was more than a coincidence...impossible actually...but we have become so jaded that we have lost the ability to BELIEVE.

It is actually cognitive dissonance in reverse. Cognitive dissonance is common in the world today. It is the inability to believe what your eyes see. For instance, believing you can smoke cigarettes and not have it affect you is a perfect example of disbelieving what all of the evidence proves.

Failure to believe in miracles is the same thing. When something happens that we cannot explain we simply write it off as a coincidence...or a strange happening...rather than actually recognizing the miracle that has taken place.

Don't you want to believe in miracles? Don't we pray for

miracles? Don't we petition the Lord with prayers for Him to move in the midst of our situation? Aren't we grateful when things all work out? Why don't we see that as a miracle of God?

God has gotten out the miracle working business. The problem is that we have gotten out of the miracle BELIEVING business.

American Christianity has become so faithless. The entire ministry of Jesus on earth was loaded with miracles. He went around healing the sick, raising the dead, and encouraging His followers to do the same. Wherever Jesus went, miracles followed.

Why does the church no longer believe in them? Why is the healing of the sick not an everyday occurrence? Is it because Jesus has lost His power or is it that we have lost our ability to believe? Why has the miraculous become rare in the American church today?

When Jesus was about to leave the earth to return to His Father He charged his followers In Mark 16:16-17 by saying;

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.

These were more than mere exhortations to His followers...they were pseudo commands...evidence of what a follower of Jesus would look like. Cast out devils, lay hands on the sick and see them recover...everyday miraculous sort of stuff.

Why don't we see it today? Why is there no power in the American church? Why are building more hospitals and closing more churches? Why is the miraculous no longer common place?

At another place in the Scripture's, John 14:12, Jesus told

His followers this:

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.

Was Jesus a liar? Is the church showing these greater works that Jesus was referring to? Is the age of miracles over? Has Jesus broken His promise? Why does the miraculous seem so rare? If God can no longer work miracles is He REALLY God?

Turn on your television. The rise in the occult is astonishing. The supernatural is everywhere. But most of the supernatural that the citizenry is observing is coming from the dark side. The church, supposedly full of believers empowered by the Holy Spirit are shaking powerlessly inside their stained-glassed fortresses.

Jesus confronted the dark side. He pointed out to His disciples the impact of evil and explained to us how to successfully battle against those forces. Walk into any church and you will hear sermons on how to get victory over those forces, yet there is virtually no follow through.

The visible "Church" is oblivious to the spiritual battle raging all around them. While the pagans and the occultists are becoming bolder every day, openly casting spells and launching a frontal assault on all things righteous, Christians are too dumbed-down to unleash the power that Christ made available to them.

Jesus told us that He would build a church "and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." He left us with supernatural power to win a supernatural war. Why does the church seem so powerless against the forces of darkness?

The "church" is unbelieving and our lack of faith has made the miraculous rare. Things will never change in this nation until the church believes it can. God is waiting for His TRUE

church to arise. Will you step out in faith? Will you fight when things seem impossible? Do you REALLY believe that “with God all things are possible?” You move and God moves.

Do you believe in miracles?

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