

Fanatic Frenzy or Godly Grace: Are the Miraculous Gifts for Today?

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This thesis examines the role of the miraculous spiritual gifts throughout history and in the modern church. After the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is readily given to all believers, and in recent history, the debate over how the Spirit empowers His people has grown increasingly divisive. Many argue that the miraculous gifts ceased with the Apostles. Others believe that these gifts are still present in the church today. The charismatic gifts of the Spirit have been present in the church throughout history, and Christians should actively seek to practice the gifts because they are relevant and necessary to fulfill the Bible's ecclesiastical commands. Biblical teaching throughout Acts and many of Paul's epistles, reinforced by historical examples, definitively prove the Continuationist case. Furthermore, in examining God's commands for the church and the role of the Holy Spirit, the spiritual gifts are not only still relevant today but also necessary to properly steward our lives and our churches according to God's Word. Christians must not shut their eyes to what God commands in the Scriptures. Now more than ever, the church needs the charismatic gifts to truly flourish as God intended.