

THE KINGDOM OF GOD—SIGNS AND WONDERS

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And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." Mk 16:15–18 NKJV

Foundational Points

Go: to move out from one place,

Signs: an event or action intended to convey message

Follow: to go after, to go along, to come along in time

Will: follow faithfully, connected with term for last testament

A. The Preaching of Kingdom of God and signs and wonders go together

B. Signs are for

1. Showing the constant presence of God
2. Showing the covenant of God to his people
3. To minister to the present needs of his people
4. To demonstrate the power of the gospel
5. To show Gods control over the natural

C. These are seen in

1. Creation

In the Beginning:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Ge 1:1–2 NKJV.

God Created out of nothing (ex-nihilo) (supernatural event) and the natural came in to being.

Gen 1-14ff God created lights in the heavens, sun, stars, and moon as signs of time moving forward and His immutability.

2. God's covenant with His people

Gen 9:12-17 Rainbow sign of covenant

3. The ministry of Jesus Christ

⁴ Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Mk 1:14–15 NKJV

Jesus Preached: Kingdom of God
Jesus actions were: signs and wonders

V 25 Cast out demons

V 31 Healing (peter's mother in law)

V 41 Healing of leper not just physical but this is mind, soul and social position

²² "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know Acts 2:22

Acts 10:38: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

4. The ministry of the early apostles

Great commission Matt 28 and Mark 16. Authority given to the apostles, the believers and the church.

¹² "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. ¹³ And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. John 14:12-14 NKJV

The Apostles:

Peter and John, Acts 3

Acts 5:12 reports many signs and wonders by apostles

Paul Acts 14:9, 28: 8

5. Ministry of Church

¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. James 5:14-16 NKJV

Progression from Jesus to Apostles to Elders of the Church to the Believers!

D. Future restoration of supernatural as natural state of being

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful. Rev. 21: 1-5 NKJV