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ACTS



Acts 1:8 (ESV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."



THE NEW ISSUE PAUL IS DEALING WITH

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THE ISSUE: CRITERIA FOR SPIRITUALITY

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Pneumotikon

Spiritual people

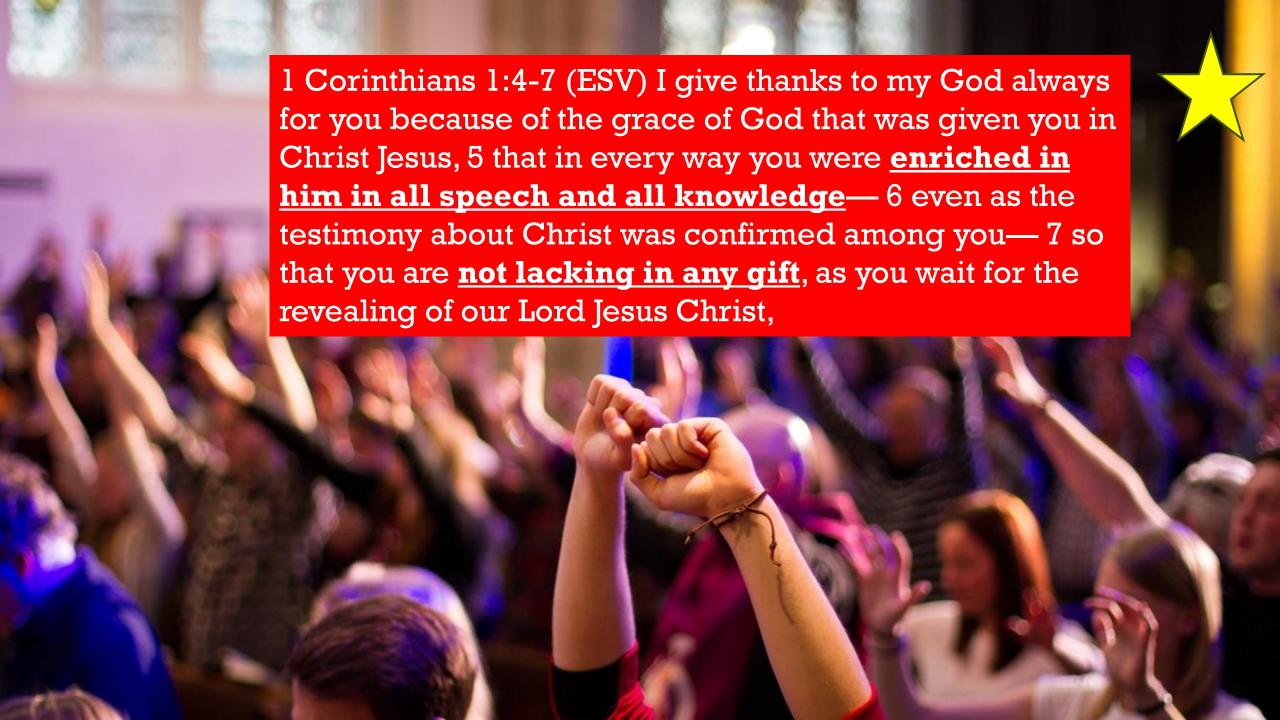
Spiritual gifts

THE CONTEXT OF 1 COR 12

• 1 Corinthians 3:1 (ESV) But I, brothers, could not address you as **spiritual people**, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ.

Pneumotikon

l Corinthians 3:3 (ESV) or you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?







DESPISE PAUL

I Corinthians 9:1-3 (ESV) Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? 2 If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you, for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

3 This is my defense to those who would examine me

STRONG

Knowledge

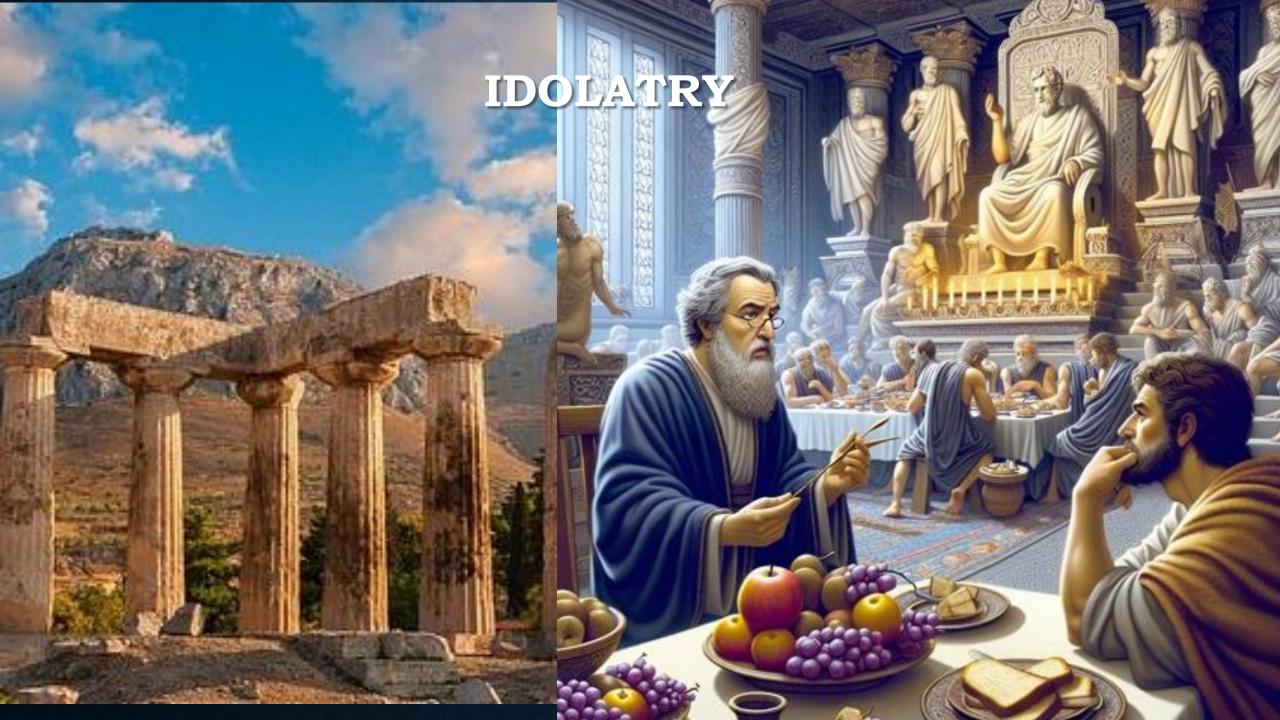
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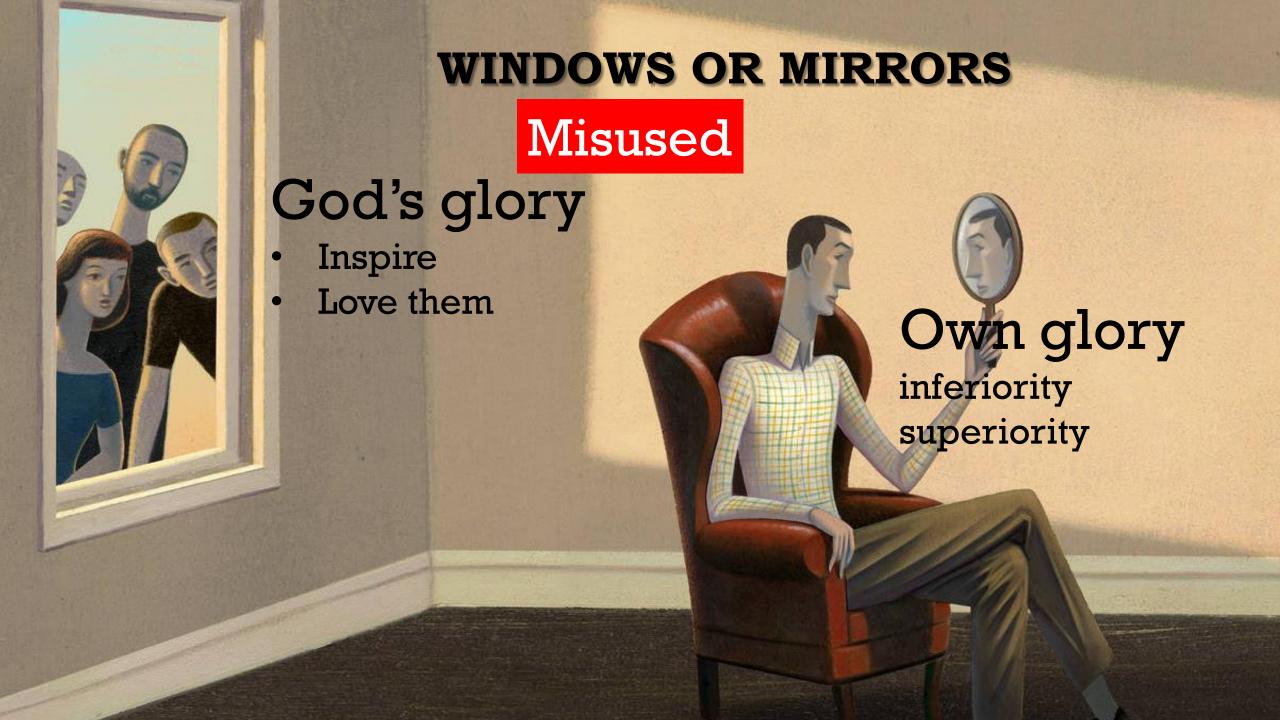






Feels guilty







Your needs

Attention



ECSTATIC UTTERANCES MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE SPIRITUAL



1 Corinthians 12:1-3 (ESV) Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed and no one can say

"Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

OTHER RELIGIONS WITH TONGUE SPEAKING



Oracle of Delphi Goddess of Juno



Shamans of African tribes, Haiti



Buddhist, Shinto priests

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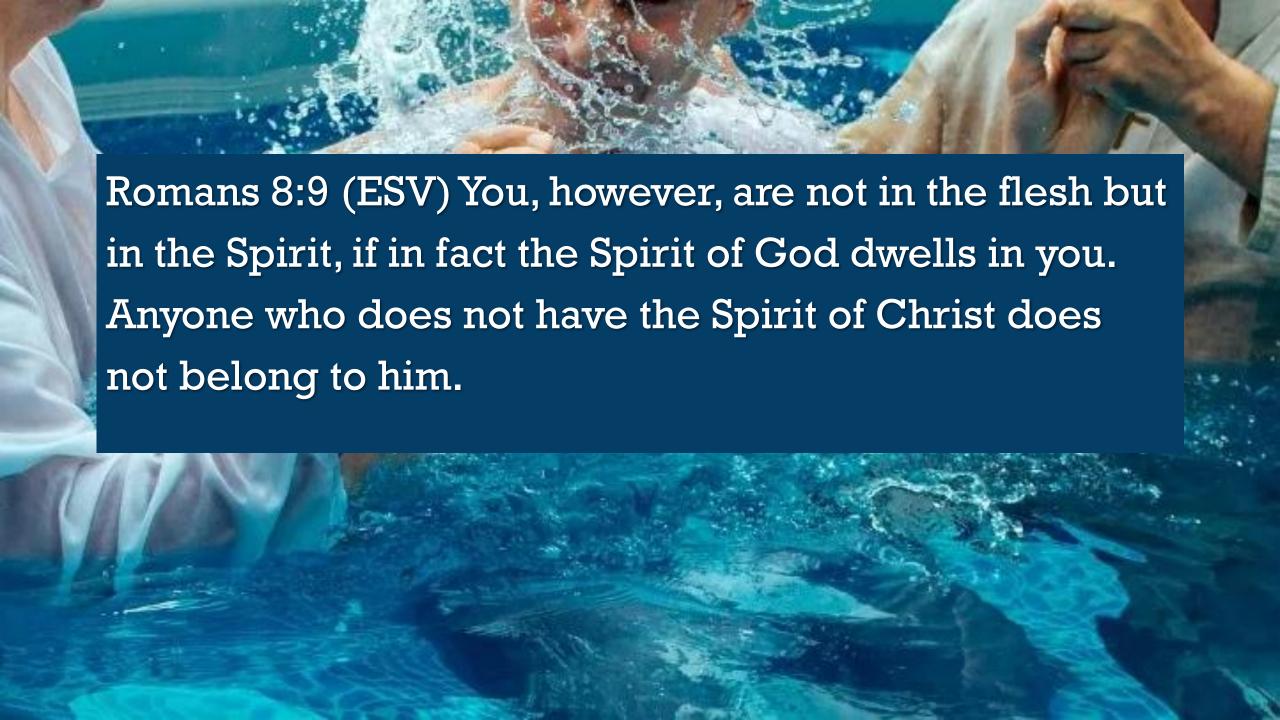
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PAGAN ECSTATIC UTTERANCES

JEWISH CONDEMNATION



SPIRITUAL ELITISM

Christian Service



Theology

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Gifts – Miraculous

The more visible the more spiritual

Achievement



Reputation



THE OVERHYPED BENEFITS OF THE GIFT OF TONGUES

Draws up wisdom and revelation from your spirit to your mind

Power for spiritual warfare

Experience the abundant blessings God has in store for us

Doorway to all the other spiritual gifts

GIFTS OR FRUIT

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EXPRESSING THE FRUIT

Galatians 5:22-25 (ESV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.



FRUIT IS EVIDENCE OF SALVATION NOT GIFTS

Matthew 25:41-43 (ESV) Then he will say to those on his left, Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'



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2. SPIRITUAL GIFTS HAVE NO BEARING ON MERIT

Charismata

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (ESV) Now there are varieties of **gifts**, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

Charizomai (to

give graciously) Max Turner



Charis

- Freely given
- Not earned
- No basis for pride or self esteem
- No measure of spirituality

OTHER WORDS FOR GIFT

Charisma

Doma

Doron

Dorea

Emphasis on the underserved nature of the gift and givers goodwill and favour

CHARISMA DOES NOT MEAN JUST SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Charisma

Romans 5:15-16 (ESV) But the free gift is not like the trespass.

For if many died throu Dorea man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. 16 And

the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass

brought justification.

Charisma



CELIBACY

l Corinthians 7:7 (ESV) I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.

Charisma



CONCLUSION

Charisma cannot just mean supernatural manifestation of Spirit

The emphasis is a gift freely givenundeserved

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Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5

Charismata –grace gifts-endowment

and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6

Diakonia -service..mundane

and there are varieties of activities,

Energemata – energizing..power in action

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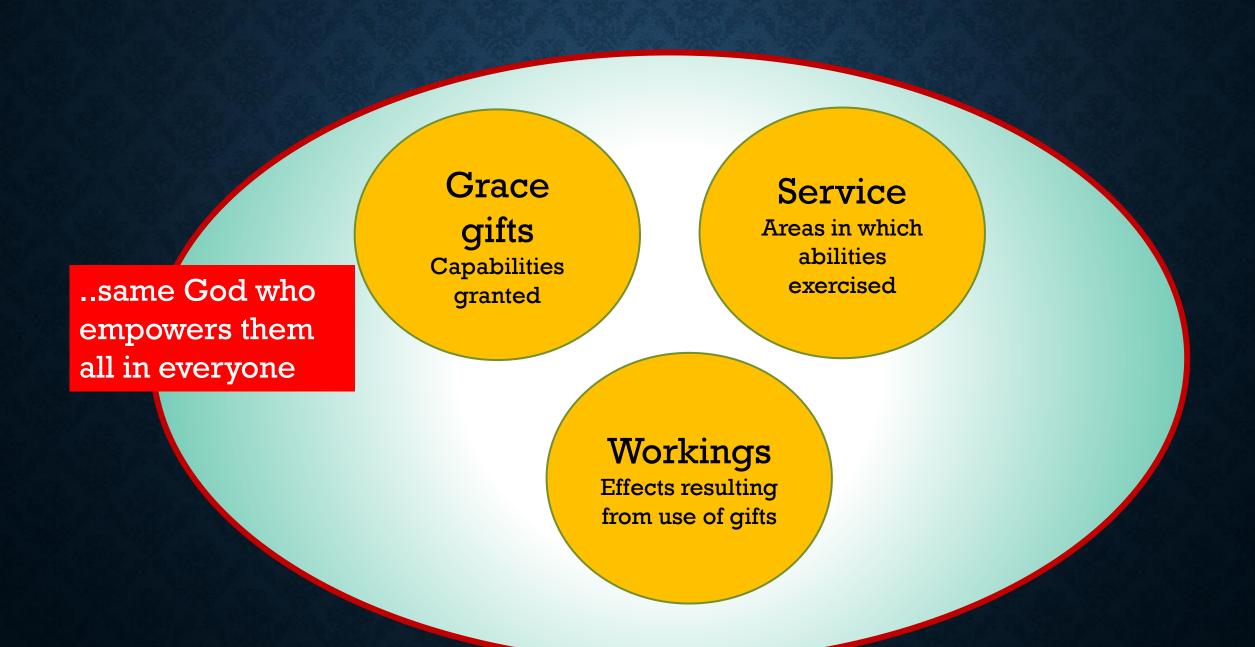
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MIRACULOUS

- 1. Utterance of wisdom,
- 2. Utterance of knowledge
- 3. Faith
- 4. Gifts of healing by the one Spirit,
- 5. Miracles,
- 6. Prophecy,
- 7. Distinguish between spirits,
- 8. Tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

- 1. Apostles,
- 2. Prophets,
- 3. Teachers,
- 4. Miracles,
- **6.** Gifts of healing,
- 6. Helping,
- 7. Administrating,
- Tongues.

NON MIRACULOUS

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SPIRITUAL GIFTS LIST IS NOT COMPREHENSIVE

1 Cor 12:8-10	Ephesians 4	1 Cor 12:28	Romans 12:6-8	1 Peter 4:11	1 Cor 7:7
Utterance wisdom	Apostle	Apostle	Leader	Speak	Marriage
Utterance knowledge	Prophet	Prophet	Prophesy	Service	Celibacy
Faith	Evangelist	Teacher	Teaching		
Gifts of Healing	Pastor	Miracles	Exhortation		
Miracles	Teacher	Healing	Giving		
Prophecy		Helping	Mercy		
Discernment					
Tongues		Administration	Service		
Interpretation		Tongues			

THE WRONG QUESTION TO ASK

Non believer

Talent

Believer

Talent

Spiritual gift

spiritual gifts as special abilities that are in addition to and beyond natural abilities.



ALL GIFTS

James 1:16-17 (ESV) Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, **coming down from the Father of lights**, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Imagine if only Christians were pilots or doctors



OVER LAP WITH NATURAL TALENT

1 Corinthians 12:28 (ESV) And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, **third teachers**, then miracles, then gifts of healing, **helping**, **administrating**, and various kinds of tongues.





MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT CRAFTS MEN BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE



Exodus 31:1-6 (ESV) The Lord said to Moses, 2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, 3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, 4 to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, 5 in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft. 6 And behold, I have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. And I have given to all able men ability, that they may make all that I have commanded you

SPIRIT EMPOWERED PEOPLE IN OT

Craftsmen

Judges

Prophets

Civil administrators

Numbers 11:17 (ESV) And I will come down and talk with you there. And I will take some of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you may not bear it yourself alone.

Spiritual gifts do not necessarily have to be spectacular or miraculous

THE ISSUE IS NOT THE GIFT BUT THE SOURCE

COMMON PURPOSE – SERVE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

Miraculous spiritual gift

Non -Miraculous spiritual gift

Non –Miraculous spiritual gift

Used by the Holy Spirit

Triune God

WHY DISTINGUISH THE TWO?

..same God who empowers them all in everyone

Grace
gifts
Capabilities
granted

Service

Areas in which abilities exercised

Workings

Effects resulting from use of gifts



ERIC LIDDELL

1 Sam 2:30b for those who how how has formed who had the self-who had been been as the half of the lightly esteemed.

pleasure.

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THE CONTROVERSY

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Cesationalism

Sensationalism

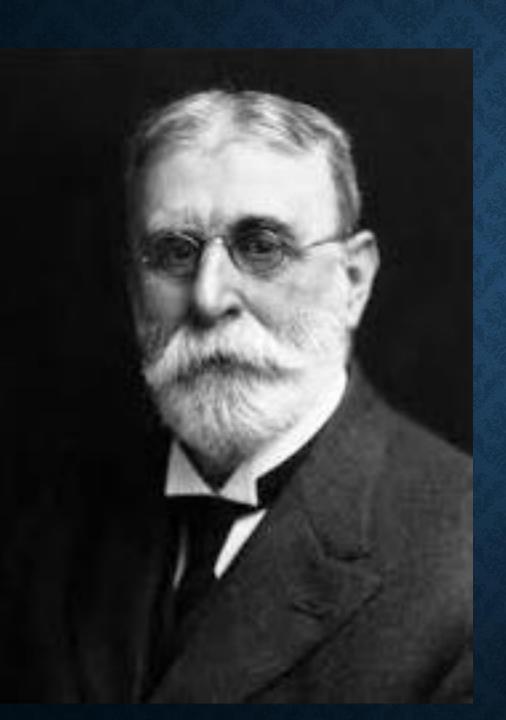
EARLY CHURCH FATHERS



Chrysostom

Augustine

Gregory the Great



D. B. WARFIELD OF PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

- Miracles are associated with periods of special revelation to process of writing scripture eg Exodus, Exile, Elijah time
- They attest to and accredit God's message to become Scripture
- Once Scripture formed no need for miraculous gifts

4 POSITIONS ON SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Cessasionists	Open but cautious	Third Wave	Pentecostal
Deny charismatic gifts are present in the church today	Believe charismatic gifts are present in the church today but should not be emphasized	Charismatic gifts are central for ministry today but deny Spirit Baptism	Charismatic gifts are central for ministry today. The second "Spirit Baptism is necessary for ministry



1 Corinthians 13:8-10 (ESV) Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when the **perfect comes**, the partial will pass away.



PAUL'S ATTITUDE-CONTINUING NEED FOR GIFTS

- 1 Corinthians 12:7 (ESV) To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
- 1 Corinthians 12:31 (ESV) But <u>earnestly desire</u> the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21 (ESV) **Do not despise prophecies**, 21 but test everything; hold fast what is good.
- 1 Corinthians 14:1-2 (ESV) Pursue love, and <u>earnestly desire</u> the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.



SCRIPTURE AS FOUNDATION

Ephesians 2:19-20 (ESV) So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the **foundation** of the apostles and prophets,



BUILDING ON FOUNDATION

Ephesians 4:11-13 (ESV) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

CONTINUATIONIST

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SPIRITUAL PERSON

Speaks in tongues
Prophesies
Healing
Miracles



NON SPIRITUAL PERSON

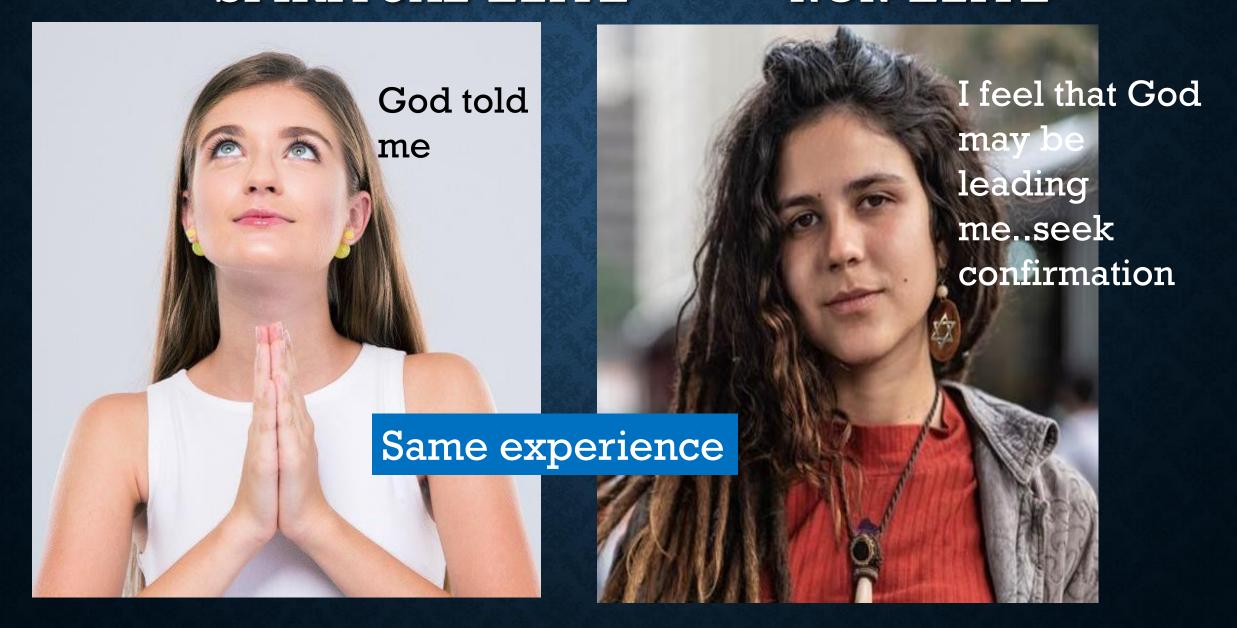
Does not speak in tongues No miracle No healing



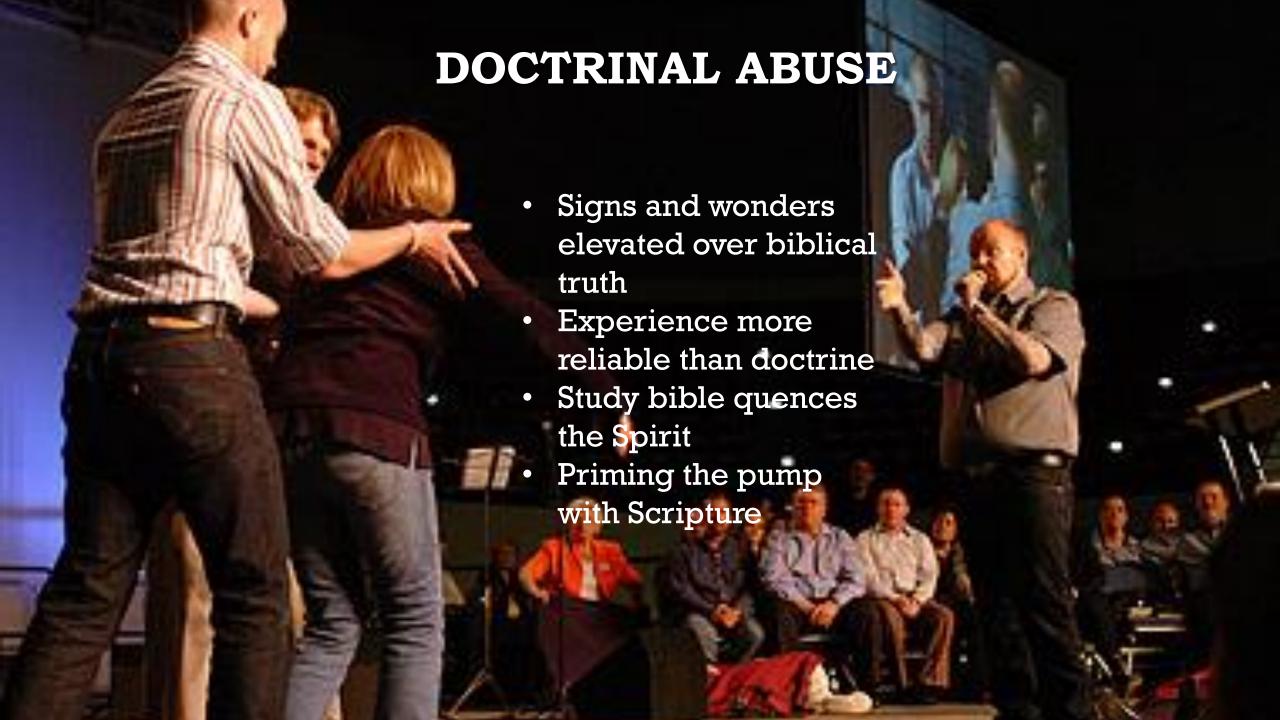
Modern version of Corinthian problem

SPIRITUAL ELITE

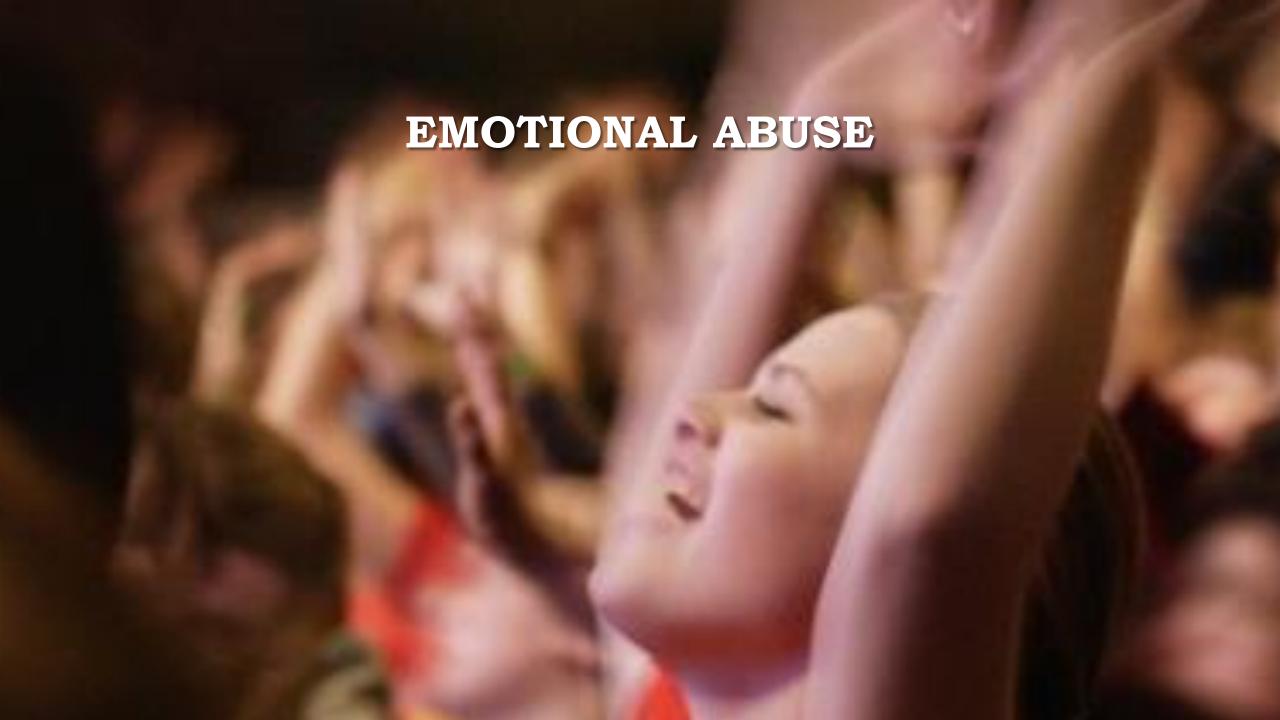
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WISDOM GIFTS

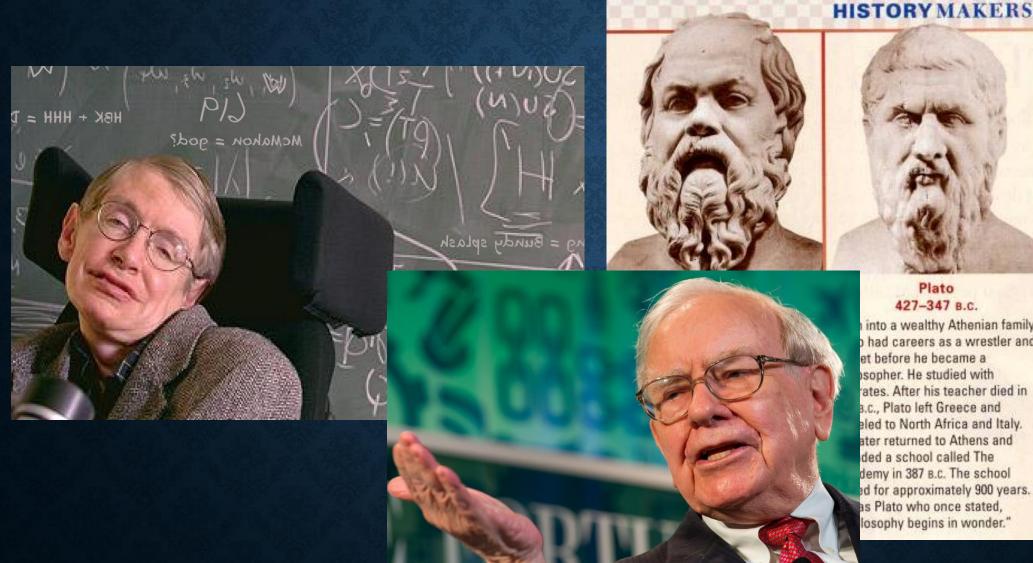
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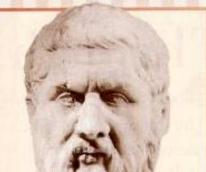
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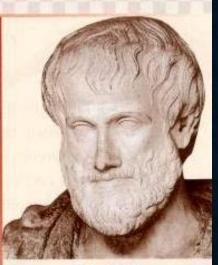
NOT SCIENCE OR WORLDLY WISDOM







into a wealthy Athenian family, had careers as a wrestler and et before he became a sopher. He studied with ates. After his teacher died in B.C., Plato left Greece and eled to North Africa and Italy. ater returned to Athens and ded a school called The demy in 387 s.c. The school ed for approximately 900 years. as Plato who once stated, losophy begins in wonder."



Aristotle 384-322 B.C.

Aristotle, the son of a physician, was one of the brightest students at Plato's academy. He came there as a young man and stayed for 20 years until Plato's death. In 335 B.C., Aristotle opened his own school in Athens called the Lyceum. The school eventually rivaled the Academy. Aristotle once argued, "He who studies how things originated and came into being ... will achieve the clearest view of them."



Acts 5:3 (ESV) But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?



Acts 13:9-11 (ESV) 9 But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him 10 and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? 11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time



HOW DID HE KNOW?

Acts 14:8-11 (ESV) Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. 9 He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, 10 said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and began walking. 1







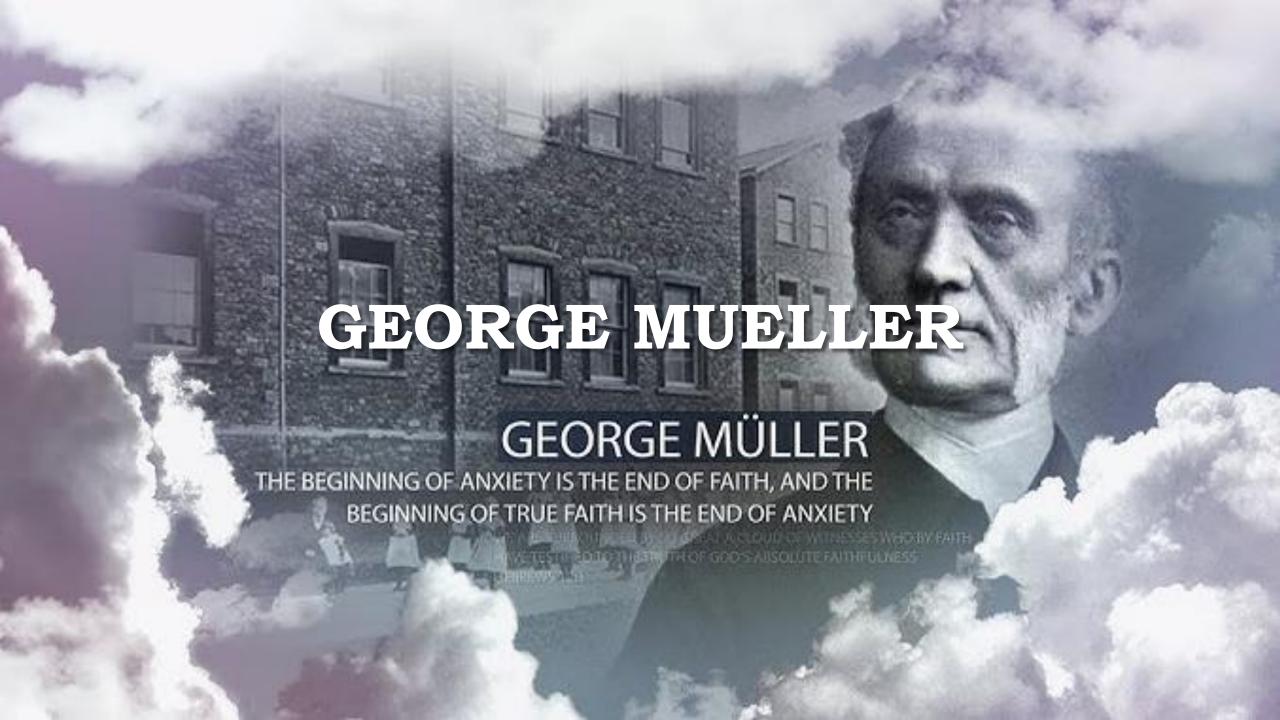
Resu Hope and strength

Mould our message Mould our minds





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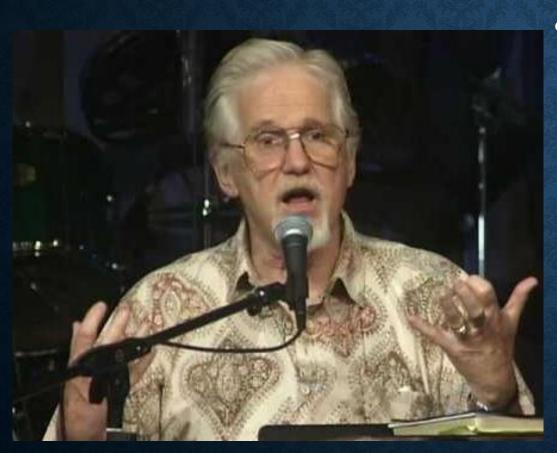


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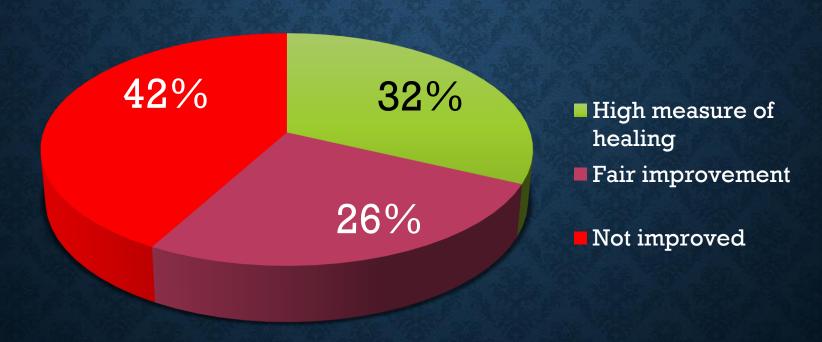
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 "Today we see hundreds of people healed every month in the Vineyard Christian Fellowship services. Many more are healed as we pray for them in hospitals, on the streets and in homes. The blind see; the lame walk; the deaf hear. Cancer is disappearing"

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CONTRAST



Acts 19:11-13 (ESV) And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.

Philippians 2:25-27 (ESV)

Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, 26 for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill.

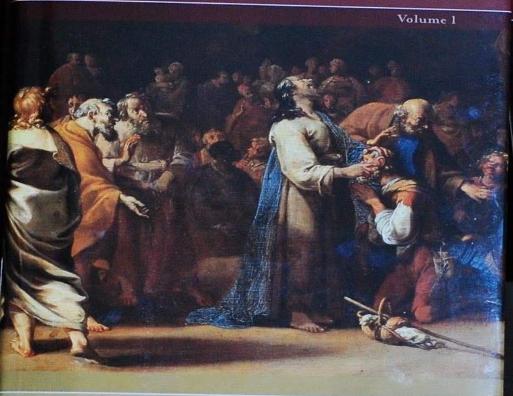
(ESV) and I left **Trophimus**, who was <u>ill</u>, at <u>Miletus</u>

MIRACLES

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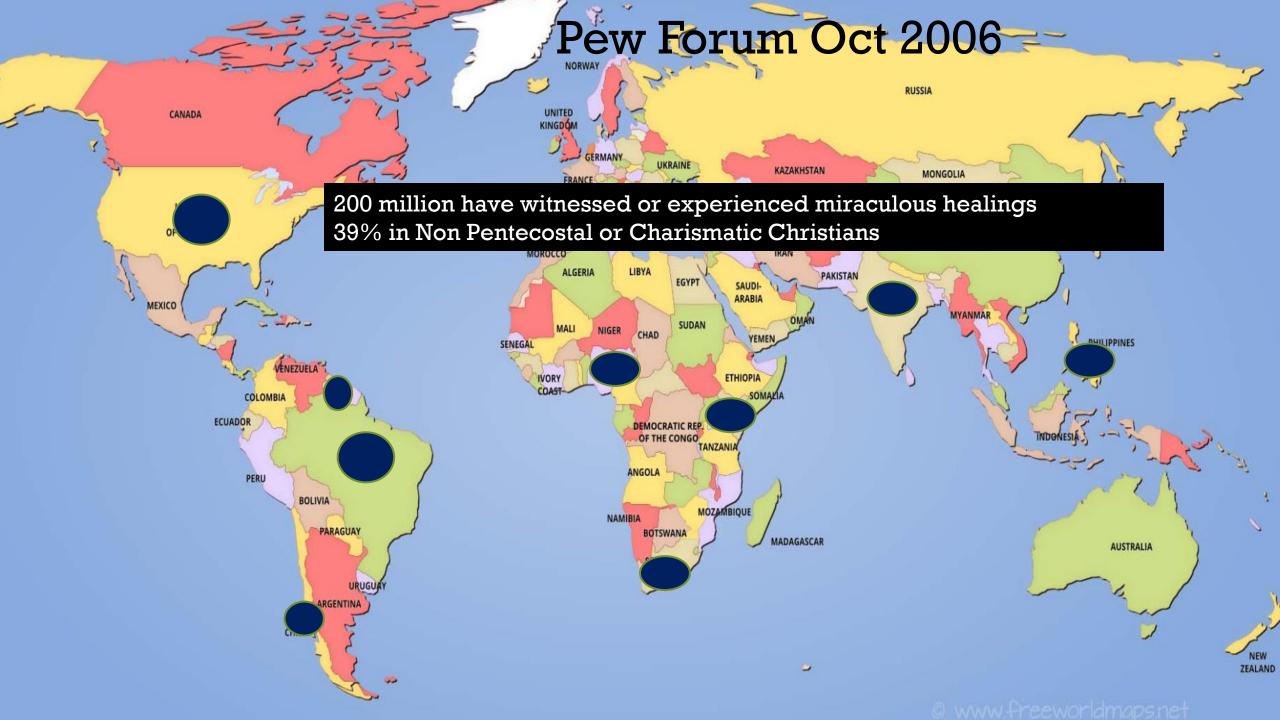
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WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT OR DEMAND GOD TO WORK MIRACULOUSLY TODAY AS HE DID IN THE EARLY CHURCH

- The miracles of Acts are highlights of over 30 yrs of ministry
- Israel wallowed in slavery for 400 years before miracles of Exodus
- John the Baptist demonstrate no miracles
- Esther had no miracles
- Writings of the 2nd and 3rd century showed very little miraculous acitivity and confined to largely gifts of prophecy and healing, which included exorcism."





Tree leaves transformed into sources of light for missionaries lost in the jungle. Water and rice turned into oil and flour. Fireballs fell from the sky. Angels baked bread as food for people in the jungle and taught illiterate people how to read



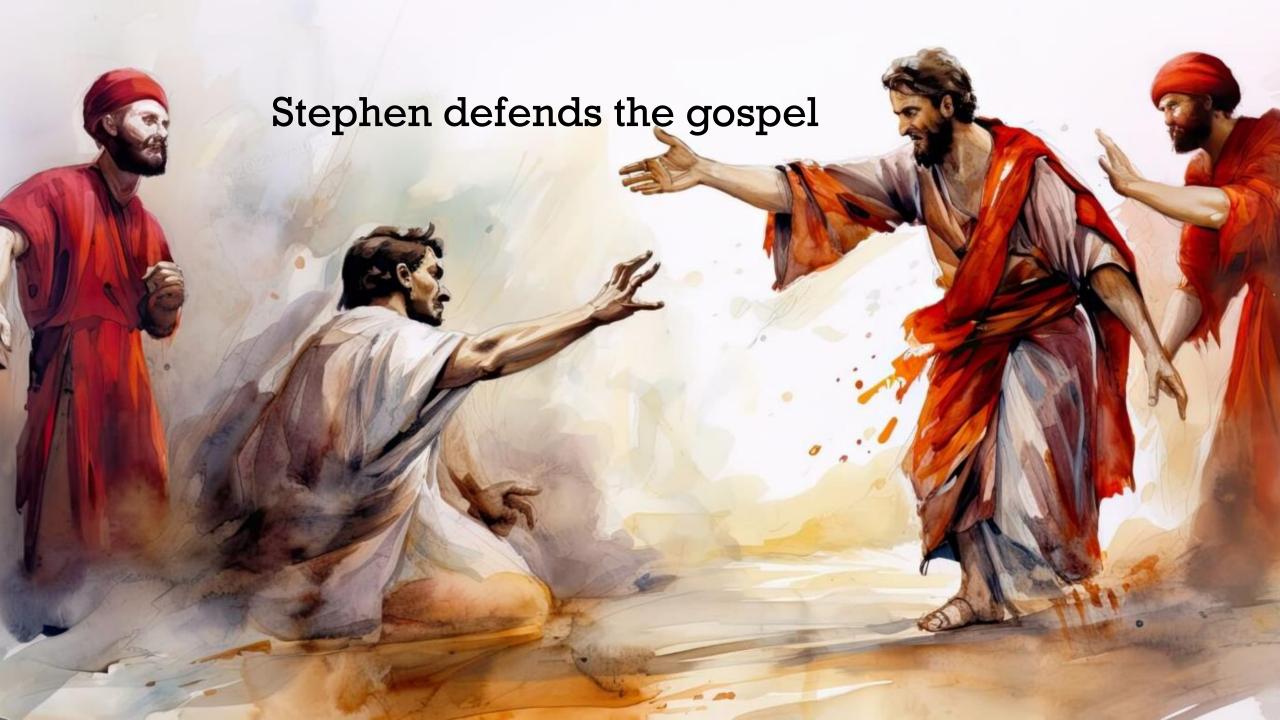
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