

Supernatural

Acts 2:43 (ESV)many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

Acts 3:1-26 – A Spectacular Healing

Acts 5:12-16

Acts 8:4-13

Acts 9:32-43

Etc.....

1. Healing (as an act of) Authority

- Our delegated authority to command healing and see it happen supernaturally
- *Acts 3:6-8 "..... In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." [7] Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.*
- Acts 9:34, 40

Authority to heal was delegated to 72 disciples:

- *Luke 10:1 - After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.*
- *Luke 10:9 - Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'*
- *Luke 10:17 - The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."*

2. Healing (as an evangelistic) Sign

- A sign that makes us wonder and that accredits the Gospel
- *Acts 3:8-11 10they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.....11 ... all the people were astonished and came running*
- Acts 5:12-16; Acts 8:4-13; Acts 9:34-35; Acts 9:40-42

Doesn't compel faith - some see the sign and still choose not to believe in Jesus.

- *4:16-17 - (The Jewish leaders) [16] "What are we going to do with these men?" they asked. "Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it. [17] But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name."*

Despite the way some reject the wonders, these signs are God's provision to authenticate the preaching of the Gospel

- *Hebrews 2:4*
- *Acts 2:22 (ESV) "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know..."*

3. Healing (as a spiritual) Message

- A token of spiritual Salvation from sin
- *Acts 3:11-26*
- *Acts 3:19 - "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord"*

Acts 4:9-12

- *[9] If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, [10] then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. [11] Jesus is " 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' [12] Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."*