

# Believers and the Mighty works of Christ

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## Christ's Promises of Miracles to Believers

1. 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 "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, I will do it" Jn. 14:12-14.

2. "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My Name shall they cast out devils; ..." – Mk. 16:17-18.

## Steps Towards Miraculous Works

**(1) Faith:-** Faith gives evidence that the unseen heart-desire or request can be received, through God's power and therefore is received as a matter of fact! – Hebr. 11:1 and Mk 11:22-24

Faith, being a spiritual gift, is the spiritual eye, that is able to see the unseen, and hear the unheard through understanding. In the wisdom of the Invisible God, faith is one of His higher ways and thoughts than the way and thoughts of fallen man – Isai. 55:9

Definitely, the Almighty God is the advanced Creator, and so all His Teachings are above all human understanding. Faith as its definition denotes is above all understanding. For, it's above the understanding of carnal, undeveloped people who are used to the physical life only rather than the spiritual. Faith is therefore one of the things of the Spirit that do not make sense to carnal men, because they are spiritually discerned – 1 Cor. 2:14.

Though faith per se is the agency of divine miracles and wonders for the ideal life in Christ, this enviable gift of faith with power is abandoned, on the grounds of misunderstanding. With faith, He did many mighty deeds to prove beyond all doubts that living by faith in this physical world is possible. Faith is the heavenly method of living above the impossible problems of the unspiritual society:

"We walk by faith, but not by sight" – 2 Cor. 5:7.

Those who live by sight are always terrified by the angry waves of the stormy sea like Peter who was overcome by sight, having mustered courage and faith to walk on the stormy sea like Christ. Those who walk by sight fear problems such as sicknesses, poverty, persecutions, and dangers in life. Even if Satan, who is the root cause of dangers against mankind, can be resisted and overcome in the faith, all the temptations and calamities he has created for it can equally be overcome – 1 Pet. 5:8-9. A careful study of the 11th chapter of faith in the Letter to the Hebrews shows that, all God's ancient saints walked by faith. Hence St. Paul's statement on faith:

'We walk by faith, but not by sight',

All the testimonies in the 11th chapter of faith in the Letter to the Hebrews indicate that faith in the power of God for one's request is the springboard of divine miracles. Yes, it's the fertile soil for the production of marvelous results. Beloved, faith in God is the higher power, capable of operating far beyond man's understanding with miraculous good results.

## **(2) Anointing Power for Miracles**

Believers who have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit for anointing are the people that have put on Christ's image and likeness. When the miracle-image of Christ is put on, by way of the true baptism of His Spirit, the anointed believers become Christ-like or God-like. At this high level of development, believers, with efficiency, are well-able to perform the mighty works of Christ, according to His promise – Jn. 14:12.

## **(3) Keeping the Flames of the Holy Ghost and Fire Burning**

"Quench not the Spirit" is the command to all Christians who bear the image of God – 1 Thess. 5:19. The light of the Spirit of Christ in the anointed children of God should be tended or kept burning by means of the continuous supply of oil, symbolic of the power of the Holy Ghost. The supply of power from Christ, the Fountain of the waters of life, depends upon the application of the Lord's sound doctrine on fasting and prayers and true holiness.

## **(4) Putting on the New Man or Christ**

Putting on the new man, who is made according to the image and likeness of Christ, is the same as putting on Christ Jesus-Eph. 4:24; Rom. 13:14. The sole aim of the heavenly call is to be transformed into the same spiritual image and likeness of the Son of the Blessed God! – Rom. 8:29-30. When this divine nature is put on, evidenced by the spiritual gifts of grace and the fruit of the Spirit, the efficiency of Christ's miraculous deeds is achieved without problem - 1 Cor. 12:8-11 and Gal. 5:22-23. For, at this summit of development, it's no more the believers that perform the miraculous deeds, but the indwelling power of Christ – Eph. 3:20.

## **A Divine Call to Power**

At this time of the end, all Christians have been called upon to be filled with the great power of God, meant for resurrection and ascension.

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil” – Eph. 6: 10-11.

This solemn call to power is a timely admonition to accord end-time Christians the opportunity to prepare themselves against the in-coming prophetic days of great tribulation, being the time of the global rule of the Anti-Christ!

Beloved, a feverish preparation for power has become necessary, because the days of the great tribulation, being the time of the rise of false prophets, and of the anti-Christ, is ahead of us. The last days of the resurrection of the just referred to as the holy and blessed resurrection of the just in which the resurrection of the saints shall depend on Christ’s power is ahead of us. To be partakers of the blessed 1st Resurrection of the just, St. Paul denied himself and considered the precious things of this world but loss, that he might receive Christ’s power of resurrection – Philip. 3:7-8. The Apostle’s determination was geared towards Christ’s power for resurrection:

“That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto his death” - Philip 3:10.

To achieve his goal for resurrection and ascension, he said:

“I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus”- Philip 3:14.

Following the unprecedented events in the last day, resulting in the destruction of the whole world by unquenchable fire, all Christians have been ordered to maintain holiness, in which the infinite power of Christ operates to effect immediate deliverance from the temptations ahead- 2Peter 3:10-11. For this reason, all believers in the Lord have been charged with the responsibility to develop themselves in the power of the Lord’s spirit of grace – 2 Peter 3:18.

To assist His people to prepare themselves effectively, God, according to the prophecy of Joel, is pouring out His Spirit of power upon all flesh that keep the truth – Acts 2:16-18. The message of repentance is being delivered to direct salvation-seekers to the mighty power of Christ Jesus. Beloved, what we need in this hour of redemption to gain entry into the kingdom of God, which is not in words, but in power, is the power of God – 1 Cor. 4:20. As the kingdom of God into which we shall enter is in power, St Paul delivered his sermons to his followers based not on

flattery or man's wisdom, but on the significance of God's power 1 Cor. 2:4-5. In this way, he prepared them to be strong in the power of Christ. Their faith was in His power, as a result.

## **The Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire**

### **Qualification for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost**

The baptism of the Holy Ghost is administered to sincere believers, who have genuinely repented of their sins and have forsaken them in the Lord's name.

Christ Jesus is the spiritual Baptizer – Matt 3:11 – Acts 2:38-39.

It's expected of all believers in Christ to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, just as all the 120 believers received the baptism of the day of Pentecost – Acts – 2:1-4; Acts 19:2.

### **Aims of the Holy Spirit Baptism**

- It's the seal of the saints until the last day of redemption – Eph 4:30.
- It's the sign or mark of the identification of all God's children – Rom 8:16; Rom. 8:9; 9:8.
- The baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire strengthens the weak ones in their prayers, and help them make their prayers go answered – Rom. 8:26-27.
- It's the power of resurrection – Rom 8:10 – 11.
- Those who walk in the Spirit or after the Spirit are FREE from the coming condemnation – Rom. 8:1-2.
- The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of the Son of God. Therefore, those who are filled with the Spirit of God are also sons of God – Rom. 8:14.

### **The Spiritual Rock**

The message of the deliverance of the redeemed children of Israel shows that all of them were baptized by Christ with His Holy Spirit in the wilderness. Yes, they drank from the Spiritual Rock, Christ – 1 Cor. 10:4.

But as many that were filled with Christ's Spirit did not please Him, they fell in the wilderness. They later chose to follow the sinful flesh, and died there – Rom. 8:13. – See Matt. 7:21-23.

The Ten Commandments are not against those who walk in the Spirit and bear the fruit of Spirit such as love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control – Gal 5:16, 22-23. Love is the fulfilling of the law – Rom. 13:10.

## **The Baptism of the Holy Ghost**

This spiritual baptism administered by Christ Himself produces the 9 spiritual gifts of the Holy Ghost – 1Cor. 12:8-11. External manifestations of the Holy Ghost and fire give evidence of God's living power, builds up faith in God.

This is the unique heavenly spiritual worship where we minister with God's gifts of grace- 1 Pet. 4: 10-11.

All the churches without the Holy Spirit are dead churches like the church of Sardis – Rev. 3:1.

## **Christ, God Revealed in the Flesh**

That Christ pre-existed before His human birth as God is made plain in the Holy Scriptures. The gospel according to St. John has shed light surrounding the mystery of His pre-existence. John began his gospel message with the introduction of Christ's pre-existence to the lost world standing in need of a great Saviour and eternal life, and said: "In the beginning was the word and word was with God and the word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him; and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:1-3).

Here, we are being informed that Christ was in the eternal world with God the Father in the beginning. (See 1 John 1:1-2). Furthermore, we are told that Christ was God's Agent of creation. This means that the Lord Jesus was there at the time of creation as a Co-Creator with God the Father. The detailed information we have received from the Holy Spirit indicates that Christ was not only instrumental in the creation of this world, but also in the creation of the whole universe.

I quote: "For through Him were all things created, that are in heaven, that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or Dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created through Him, and for Him" – Col. 1:16.

The Christology on His pre-existence shows that He was God before His birth. Hence His ability to co-operate with God the Father in bringing into existence the good things we now see and feel out of emptiness. The Deity of Christ is, therefore, a fact without dispute.

Of His mission on earth, the anointed Apostle Paul testifies:

"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness; God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory" -1 Tim. 3:16.

That Christ pre-existed in eternity is reported in many passages of the Scriptures. One of these remarkable statements as regards His Deity was made by St. Paul to indicate that our Lord Jesus came into this world as God incarnate to dwell and die in our place on the cross. This great mystery of Christ's Divinity is unfolded to all salvation-seekers with a view to make known to them His actual identity. The knowledge of Christ's is essential, because it's the spring-board of faith in His salvation work on earth. Any salvation-seeker that lacks this all-important knowledge of Christ's divinity is short of the saving truth. Under this condition, the fellow may regard Him as an ordinary human being, also standing in need of salvation.

Anyone that regards our dear Lord as an ordinary human being has erred concerning the gospel truth. This mistaken belief has led to the destruction of masses. But, the issue of Christ's Divinity, to St. Paul, who was once a persecutor, is without controversy. The fact is that Christ is the Son of God and is therefore God without doubt. (See John 7:29; John 17:1-5; Php. 2:6-7; 1 John 1:3; 2:21-24; 5:20). As God, He was made manifest in the human flesh with the supreme power of the Almighty.

Beloved, the Good News of the hour is that God the Father has offered to this suffering world community an unspeakable Gift in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is able to put on miraculous performances of deliverance with efficiency! Through the gospel according to St. John, the credentials of the God-given Savior have been presented to all the world, by the way of divine introduction. God has recommended Him to all perishing nations that His only begotten Son is the only personality, capable of saving them from sufferings and the bandage of death, because His son was with Him as His Co-Creator – Jn. 1: 1-3.

Beloved, the Co-Creator of the universe has now come to us to save us from darkness to light. The unique status of Christ as revealed to us at this time of the gospel is the unshakable foundation of the Christian faith. All salvation-seekers should know that the salvation work is in hands of the Creator Himself: "He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast" - Ps. 33:9.

In the last day, the Creator-Saviour, with His omnipotent power, shall arise to effect deliverance world-wide on the part of those who may have responded to the heavenly call to repentance and faith in His name. He shall arise to abolish death to bring immortality to light. That day, great events without precedent in the history of mankind shall happen in the lives of the saints, that the old order might give way to the new. The sudden change in the last day is a sure word of prophecy! Good days are coming! Therefore, beloved ones please make it a point to prepare yourselves according to the Scriptures for the good days ahead!

Truly, good days are ahead of us. It's being announced that in the next new world "affliction shall not rise up the second time" – Nah. 1:9.

Dearly beloved, “repent ye and believe the gospel”. The time is at hand.

To attain to the stage of perfection, please study and obey the Holy Scriptures. For “All scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” – 2 Tim. 3: 16-17.

The grace of God has appeared to us in the person of Christ Jesus to make all repentant sinners perfect. He is the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, who pre-existed in eternity as God, and came to us by birth as a human being. Those of us who wish to enjoy peace and everlasting life, I do recommend to them our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, the Co-Ruler of the universe, now manipulating the controls of the whole universe, at this time when He is seated on the right hand of Power – Heb. 1:3. Christ is the Right-hand-man of God, the Father. Do you believe in Him? Beloved, beware of the end-time blasphemers who have appeared to turn the clock of progress backwards, and therefore blaspheme that Christ is no God.

Let’s pray: Our Father God, please offer Thy dear children Thy grace to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, that all of us shall come to the knowledge of Thy only begotten Son. I ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.