

Reference: Faith, Healing & Miracles



FAITH: *Extraordinary Confidence in God*

Definition: Not just saving faith, but a Spirit-empowered confidence to trust God for the impossible, often leading to bold action.

Key Scriptures:

1. Matthew 17:20

"If you have faith as small as a mustard seed... nothing will be impossible for you."

➤ This is mountain-moving faith - beyond saving faith.

2. Romans 12:3,6

"...God has assigned to each a measure of faith... if your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith."

➤ Indicates varying measures of faith, suggesting a Spirit-distributed gift.

3. Hebrews 11 (whole chapter)

➤ Faith empowers action beyond reason - this is the essence of spiritual gift-faith in action.

HEALING: *Supernatural Restoration of Health*

Definition: Spirit-given ability to bring physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, beyond medical means, through prayer or word.

Key Scriptures:

1. James 5:14-15

"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders... and the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well..."

➤ Healing through prayer, rooted in faith, pointing to a spiritual dynamic.

2. Matthew 10:1,8

"Jesus gave them authority... to heal every disease and every affliction."

➤ Healing was a gift given to the apostles - and, by implication, the Church.

3. Mark 16:17-18

"...they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

➤ A sign accompanying those who believe.

4. Acts 3:6-8

Peter said, 'In the name of Jesus Christ... walk!'... and he jumped to his feet and began to walk.

➤ A clear demonstration of Spirit-empowered healing.

MIRACLES: *Supernatural Acts*

Demonstrating God's Power

Definition: The ability to perform acts of divine power that defy natural explanation—raising the dead, casting out demons, multiplying resources, or altering nature.

Key Scriptures:

1. Acts 2:22

"...Jesus of Nazareth, a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs..."

➤ Jesus' ministry as the model of miracle-working through the Spirit.

2. Acts 4:30

"Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders..."

➤ The early Church *prayed* for miracles—suggesting expectation of their continuation.

3. Acts 8:6-7 (Philip in Samaria)

"...unclean spirits came out... many who were paralyzed or lame were healed."

➤ Miraculous signs accompany Spirit-filled evangelism.

4. Acts 19:11-12 (Paul)

"God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul... even handkerchiefs that had touched him healed the sick."

➤ Clearly Spirit-enabled miracles well beyond normal ministry.

Summary Table:

Gift	Description	Key Scriptures
Faith	Extraordinary trust in God for the impossible	Matt. 17:20; Rom. 12:3,6; Heb. 11
Healing	Spirit-empowered restoration of health	James 5:14–15; Matt. 10:1; Acts 3:6–8; Acts 5:15–16
Miracles	Supernatural acts revealing God's power	Acts 2:22; Acts 4:30; Acts 19:11–12; Gal. 3:5; Mark 16:17–18

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