

The Lord Working with them to Heal

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Christ commands every believer to heal the sick. Before He left the earth, He commanded His disciples and the Church to go into all the world, preach the Gospel, heal the sick, and to cast out devils. But Christ does not expect you to do it alone. Christ will always back up the Word you are preaching with signs wonders and miracles following. Let's look in the Bible and see how Christ demonstrated His power when the disciples preached.

- **Miracles Follow the Preaching of the Apostles**

Acts 5:12-16 says: "And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch and the believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both men and women.) Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks and them which were vexed with unclean spirits and they were healed every one." These disciples prayed that God would stretch forth His hand (Acts 4:30) and He answered their prayer. Signs followed the preaching of the Word and many souls were saved and sick bodies were healed. This is what will happen to you when you preach the Gospel.

- **Preaching Is Made Complete By the Demonstration of Miracles**

The Bible tells us in Romans 15:19: "Through mighty signs and wonders by the power of the Spirit of God so that from Jerusalem and round about unto Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ." Paul said he fully preached when he saw a demonstration of miracles. How can we do anything different? We must also preach the uncompromising Gospel of Christ and have a demonstration of signs, wonders and miracles.

- **People Come to Christ Because of the Miracles**

Christ got the multitudes to follow Him because of the miracles they saw. John 6:2 says: "And a great multitude followed him because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased." Phillip also preached the Gospel and God was confirming His Word with signs following. Acts 8:5-8 says: "Then Phillip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ unto them and the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Phillip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies and that were lame were healed and there was great joy in that city."

- **Six Purposes of the Anointing**

Jesus gives us a list in Luke 4:18-19 of six things we are to do with the anointing "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because:

1. He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor;
2. He hath sent me to heal the broken hearted,
3. To preach deliverance to the captives,
4. Recovering of sight to the blind,
5. To set at liberty them that are bruised,
6. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

Let's obey the commandment of Jesus! He guarantees us that when we preach there will be signs following!