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Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

The Introduction:

Body Language is said to be a very important accent to proper communication. How a person “Carries Themselves” can say more than the words that they are saying.

I can say anything that comes to mind, but is it what I really mean and does my word and action agree?

The same is true for the church and for the Christian. We can say anything that comes to mind, we can talk about the latest and greatest, but if our “actions” -our body language is saying something different, then something is off. Something is out of step. We have erred in being like Christ!

What the Christian Says in word - Must be matched by Action

I John 3:16-18

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. ¹⁷ But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? ¹⁸ My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

Based On Just This One Fact Alone...

It is God's Desire, That The Church be The Most Dynamic Influence and Force in the World Today...

Not a Country, Not a Nation But a Kingdom of Priests

Revelation 5:10

And have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth."

Philippians 3:20

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

As Christians we are to be Operating In and Through the Power of the Holy Spirit...

Ministering One to Another... for one another

Romans 12:1-6

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. ³ For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. ⁴ For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;

1 Corinthians 12:1-10

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: ² You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: ⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ **to another the working of miracles**, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

THE WORKING OF MIRACLES

There's a danger that exists, as with anything that is not normal, to almost worship with is different! What is new or unpredictable

**In a religious context,
the same is true.**

The Pagan gods of the ancient world were identified and worshipped through what was believed to be their medium of expression (be it a person, a group, nature, the stars or creation itself)

The Native American Indian Worship the gods of earth & sky

Because what was believed to be "Miraculous" was actually the random unexplainable events of the elements around them (The gods must angry - the gods must be at peace)

Psalm 97:6-7

The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the peoples see His glory.
7 Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, who boast of idols. Worship Him, all you gods.

Psalm 50:6

Let the heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is Judge.

Psalm 19:1-3

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. 2 Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.

For The Christian...

The Supernatural should be the super normal

I Think We Are Guilty of Being Ohh'ed and Waa'ed
By The Miraculous,

Sadly, because we don't expect God to do radical things,
we don't see Him as we ought...

!!! Be Careful "how" you see Jesus !!!

Matthew 13:55-58

"Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? ⁵⁶ And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?" ⁵⁷ So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house." ⁵⁸ Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

Jesus Knows What is in the Heart of Man

John 2:23-24

Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. ²⁴ But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men,

1.) The Description of the Gift

1 Corinthians 12:10

....to another **the working of miracles,**

1a.) the word means:

* **Miracles** **GRK 1411 dunamis (doo'-nam-is);**
super power or force. miraculous abilities, wonder working power.

The Gift is for today, the end times !!!

1 Corinthians 13:8-10

Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

! We Have Been Promised This Power !

John 14:12

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

(I Personally Believe He meant Evangelistic Work)

Acts 1:6-8

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

The Post Resurrection Message of Jesus Was

“Go” -“Go” -“Go” -“Go” -“Go”

Mark 16:14-15

Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. ¹⁵ And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

2.) The Purpose of the Gift

2a.) what the gift is to accomplish:

TO VALIDATE JESUS' MISSION

John 3:1-2

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

Matthew 11:1-5

Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities. ² And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples ³ and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" ⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: ⁵ "The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

Matthew 12:22-23

Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. ²³ And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"

John 2:23

Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did.

TO CONFIRM THE WORD

John 14:10-11

Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. ¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

Mark 16:20

20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

Hebrews 2:2-4

For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, ⁴ God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

Luke 5:21-26

And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ²² But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts? ²³ "Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise up and walk'? ²⁴ "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"-- He said to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." ²⁵ Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. ²⁶ And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!"

Romans 15:19 NIV

19 by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.

SOME MIRACLES

- Water converted into wine
- Heals the nobleman's son
- The catch of fish
- Heals the demoniac
- Heals Peter's mother-in-law
- Cleanses the leper
- Heals the paralyzed man
- Healing of the immobile man
- Restoring the withered hand
- Restores the centurion's servant
- Raises the widow's son to life at the village of Nain
- Heals a demoniac
- Stills the storm
- Throws demons out of two men of Gadara (Gerasa)
- Raises the daughter of Jairus from the dead
- Cures the woman with the issue of blood
- Restores two blind men to sight
- Heals a demoniac
- Walks upon Lake Galilee
- Heals the daughter of the non-Jewish, Syrophenician woman
- Feeds more than four-thousand people

- Restores the deaf-mute man
- Restores a blind man
- Heals the epileptic boy
- The temple tax money obtained from a fish's mouth
- Restores ten lepers to wholeness, only one of them returns to thank Jesus
- Opens the eyes of a man born blind
- Raises Lazarus from the dead
- Heals the woman with the spirit of infirmity
- Cures a man with dropsy
- Restores sight to two blind men near Jericho
- Condemns a fig tree
- Heals the ear of Malchus
- The second catch of fish

TO GLORIFY GOD

Matthew 15:31

So the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

TO UNDO HUMAN SUFFERING

Luke 4:16-21

¹⁶ So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. ¹⁷ And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; ¹⁹ To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." ²⁰ Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. ²¹ And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

2b.) what are some biblical examples ?:

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. ³ And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." ⁴ Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." ⁶ Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. ¹⁰ And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!" ¹¹ This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

2c.) will these things happen among us ?:

#1 - in the field, these miracles have never ceased

Inland China, and Remote Regions

#2 - to reach those in darkness

Acts 9:36-42

At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. ³⁷ But it happened in those days that she became sick and died.

When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. ³⁸ And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. ³⁹ Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴² And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

WARNING

#3 - satanic deception will increase via miracles

??? Are You Knowledgeable Enough,
In The Word - The Bible,

To Identify A Demonic Sign And Wonder
From A Miracle Of God ???

By The Message that it's Wrapped in

3.) The Use of the Gift

3a.) Where will this Appear:

Anywhere the Lord so Choses:

Acts 20:7-12

when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight. ⁸ There were many lamps in the upper room where they were gathered together. ⁹ And in a window sat a certain young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep. He was overcome by sleep; and as Paul continued speaking, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. ¹⁰ But Paul went down, fell on him, and embracing him said, "Do not trouble yourselves, for his life is in him." ¹¹ Now when he had come up, had broken bread and eaten, and talked a long while, even till daybreak, he departed. ¹² And they brought the young man in alive, and they were not a little comforted.

Acts 19:10-12

And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. ¹¹ Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹² so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

In Whomever the Choses:

**God's UN-qualified Servants...
Samson was not Buffed**

Judges 14:5-6

So Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother, and came to the vineyards of Timnah. Now to his surprise, a young lion came roaring against him. ⁶ And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.

3b.) How can we Indenify it's Use:

3c.) The End Times Outpouring:

**This is what was spoken
of by the prophet Joel...**

Acts 2:16-22

But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: blood and fire and vapor of smoke. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ²² "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know--

THE GIFT OF MIRACLES

(It was, and shall be forth coming)

The Outpouring began with the church but will end with the Tribulation
saints

The two prophets & the tribulation saints