



## WAYMAKER.CHURCH

### ON MIRACLES AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS

As Waymaker.Church continues to walk in obedience to our call to share the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection with the world, we find it necessary to articulate our faith in the miraculous. We, the elders and leaders of Waymaker.Church, desire to clearly describe what Waymaker.Church does and does not believe about miracles and spiritual gifts to provide unity in faith and mission. As such, we offer the following affirmations and denials, supported by Scripture, to outline our beliefs.

**WE BELIEVE** the church exists in the final epoch of redemptive history, and as such is characterized by miracles performed by the Holy Spirit, including, but not limited to, dreams, prophecy, visions, and wonders. ([Acts 2:17-21](#))

**WE DO NOT BELIEVE** miraculous experiences or spiritual gifts have in any way ceased with the close of the New Testament canon, end of the apostolic age, or expansion of the church. ([John 14:12-14](#))

**WE BELIEVE** miracles always serve either to confirm the proclamation of or provide opportunity to share the good news of Jesus' defeat of the powers of sin, death, and evil through His death and resurrection. ([Acts 3:1-13](#))

**WE DO NOT BELIEVE** miracles increase the authority, prestige, or spiritual maturity of any follower of Jesus involved with them, and we reject any claim that miraculous abilities can be created in or transferred to a person by any human action. ([Acts 8:18-23](#))

**WE BELIEVE** each follower of Jesus is filled with the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation, and this filling of the Holy Spirit confers unique spiritual gifts and abilities, intended to equip each individual follower of Jesus to build His kingdom. ([Ephesians 4:4-7](#))

**WE DO NOT BELIEVE** followers of Jesus must manifest specific miraculous spiritual gifts (i.e., tongues or prophecy) as evidence of salvation or spiritual maturity. We reject any doctrine or theology that requires a second blessing, baptism of fire, or second act of grace for individual followers of Jesus to reach full spiritual maturity. ([1 Corinthians 12:30](#))

**WE BELIEVE** some followers of Jesus are given miraculous gifts included but not limited to healing, prophecy, and tongues. ([1 Corinthians 12:4-11](#))

**WE DO NOT BELIEVE** these gifts are in any way more prestigious, desirable, or important to the health of the church and sharing of the good news than other, non-miraculous spiritual gifts. ([1 Corinthians 12:13-26](#))



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**WE BELIEVE** miraculous spiritual gifts serve the same function as all other spiritual gifts: “the equipping of the saints for the work of service, [and] the building up of the body of Christ.” As such, we believe miraculous spiritual gifts must be practiced with the authority and affirmation of the local church. (Ephesians 4:11-13)

**WE DO NOT BELIEVE** miraculous gifts provide new revelation, create chaos or discord, or sow conflict. We reject any claim that miraculous gifts are without boundaries or limitation or are not subject to external ecclesiastical authority. (1 Corinthians 14:30-33, 37-40)

**WE BELIEVE** all spiritual gifts, including the miraculous, can be misused and practiced unwisely and immaturely. We believe the controlling principle of all spiritual gifts must be love and obedience to the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 13:1-13)

**WE DO NOT BELIEVE** the possibility or actuality of immature or unwise use of miraculous spiritual gifts disqualifies followers of Jesus from practicing them or should cause the church to reject the gift or individual, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.” (James 5:19-20)

If you have further questions about this statement or any doctrines or beliefs Waymaker.Church holds to, please email [questions@waymaker.church](mailto:questions@waymaker.church) for further information.