

Romans 4:4-5 Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. 5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.

8. Our salvation is a visible \_\_\_\_\_ to others.

Do people around me notice that I am a

\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus Christ?

#### Discussion Guide

1. What is the difference between sign gifts in the apostolic age and the gifts given to believers in the church age?
2. Why were sign gifts given? Note the pattern (twice) - A miracle, awe / wonder, then preaching, then response.
3. Why is the scene of the beggar's healing such a perfect illustration of salvation?
4. Which of the eight truths were new insights for you?
5. Discuss together how this healing could be used to give the gospel.

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Salvation

Lesson: 25

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6 But Peter said, "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene —walk!" 7 And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened. 8 With a leap he stood upright and began to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God; 10 and they were taking note of him as being the one who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple to beg alms, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Acts 1:8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be **My witnesses** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

### Spiritual gifts

#### 1. New Testament gifts

1 Peter 4:10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

**Speaking gifts** - Preaching, teaching, exhortation  
evangelism

**Serving gifts** - Service, giving, mercy, administration

These gifts operate in the natural realm and are given to bless believers.

#### 2. Sign gifts.

These gifts were different in three ways:

- 1, They were supernatural and astonishing.
2. They were given to unbelievers as signs that pointed to revelation.
3. They were given to confirm and validate God's chosen spokesman and their message.

#### The Father confirmed His Son

Acts 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man **attested** to you by God with

Peter's command was God's efficacious call.

**"strengthened"** [stereo] - Divine passive voice

(Verse 7) Septuagint [stereo] - Describes God establishing the heavens (Ps 33:6) and the earth (Ps 75:3).

**Salvation comes by faith.**

Acts 3: 16 "And on the basis of faith in His name, it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.

**5. We are saved by \_\_\_\_\_, not by merit.**

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**6. We are saved in God's perfect \_\_\_\_\_.**

**7. Our salvation is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

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The miracle of \_\_\_\_\_.

The healing reveals eight truths about salvation:

1. We are spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ from birth.
2. We are \_\_\_\_\_ to save ourselves.

Titus 3:5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

3. We are unable to be saved by \_\_\_\_\_ religion.

4. We are saved by the power of God's \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_.

miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—

**God confirmed the apostles with sign gifts.**

2 Corinthians 12:12 The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.

### Miracles throughout redemptive history

Mosaic Law	The Prophets	The New Testament
Moses - Joshua 1445-1380	Elijah - Elisha 860-798	Jesus - Apostles 29-99
65 years	65 years	70 years = _____ yrs _____ %

### The foundation for miracles.

Exodus 6:28 Now it came about on the day when the Lord spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, 29 that the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "I am the Lord; speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I speak to you."

30 But Moses said before the Lord, "Behold, I am unskilled in speech; how then will Pharaoh listen to me?" 1 Then the Lord said to Moses, "See, I make you as God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet.

Exodus 4:1-9 1 Then Moses said, "What if they will not believe me or listen to what I say? For they may say, 'The Lord has not appeared to you.'"

2 The Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" And he said, "A staff." 3 Then He said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. 4 But the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand and grasp it by its tail"—so he stretched out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand—

5 "that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."

6 The Lord furthermore said to him, "Now put your hand into your bosom." So he put his hand into his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow. 7 Then He said, "Put your hand into your bosom again." So he put his hand into his bosom again, and when he took it out of his bosom, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh. 8 "If they will not believe you or heed the witness of the first **sign**, they may believe the witness of the last **sign**." 9 "But if they will not believe even these two **signs** or heed what you say, then you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground; and the water which you take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground."

The ability to perform miracles was given to God's appointed spokesmen to validate their authority and their message.

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### A pattern found throughout the Bible:

<b>Miracle</b>	→	<b>Awe / wonder</b>	→	<b>Preaching</b>	→	<b>Response</b>
Tongues		Amazement		1 <sup>st</sup> Sermon		3,000 saved
Healing		Amazement		2 <sup>nd</sup> Sermon		5,000 saved

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