

Today, there are many in the world who claim that they are empowered by God to perform various miracles, including healing people of sickness and disease. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, accurately predicted that many would claim that they had done many “miracles”, including divine healings, when he said:

**“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me you evildoers!’”**—**Matthew 7:21-23 NIV**

Some Christians have been claiming to perform these healing miracles all through the ages, ever since genuine healings were actually performed, as recorded in God’s written word, the Bible. **“God did extraordinary miracles through Paul” (Acts 19:11 NIV)**, and other first century Christians. **“Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles” (Acts 2:43 NIV)**. Why? Because they were obviously genuine miracles! Even back then, the rhetorical question was asked, **“Do all have gifts of healing?” (1 Corinthians 12:30 NIV)**, with “No” being the obvious answer. Scriptural evidence is, that, even back in the first century, miraculous healings were not common, but relatively rare.

Even though some **“false teachers”, “in their greed”**, have recently claimed they could “heal” people so that they won’t even get the Coronavirus, Covid-19, so as to **“exploit you with counterfeit stories” (2 Peter 2:1-3 NIV)**, there is zero documented evidence that they are effective with any of their claims.

Why did some of the early Christians perform miracles, but later Christians can’t? The answer is that **“God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose” (Hebrews 2:4 NLT)**. God used miracles to demonstrate the authority of the Savior, Jesus Christ, and his gospel

message, as well as to certify the fact that His favor had shifted from Jews under the Old Covenant to Christians under the New Covenant (**Hebrews 9**). In the first century, Christianity was in its foundational stage, and God’s Word, including many prophecies about Jesus, was confirmed and verified by these many miracles (**Luke 24:27,44; Revelation 19:10**), and this documented evidence doesn’t need to be repeated with further spectacular acts of verification.

Does this mean that God has changed? **“No; I, Yahweh, do not change” (Malachi 3:6 NJB)**. Regarding his Almighty Father, Jesus said, **“With God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26 NIV)**. However, just because *God can do all things, doesn’t mean that He actually has to do all things at all times*. God does what He wants to do, when He wants to do it! **“Who directed the spirit of Yahweh, what counselor could have instructed him?” (Isaiah 40:13 NJB)**.

Healings by those early Christians were done **“instantly”** so that even **“a man lame from birth . . . jumped to his feet and began to walk” (Acts 3:2,8 NIV)**. These healings were so publicly obvious that even hard core enemies of Christianity were forced to admit, **“We can’t deny that they have performed a miraculous sign sign and everybody in Jerusalem knows about it” (Acts 2:16 NLT)**, and **“all of them were healed” (Acts 5:16 NIV)**. Their rate of success was 100%.

Christians are warned against **“turning to a different gospel” (Galatians 1:6 NIV)**. If modern Christians heal by the same power and in the same way that the early Christians healed, then, we should be able to see the evident and obvious similarities that they purport to have. However, the reality today is exactly the opposite. Modern “faith-healers” **“pervert the gospel of Christ” (Galatians 1:7 NIV)**, because they claim to heal in Jesus’ name, but do not have a 100% success rate, nor are instantaneous, nor do they have any publicly provable evidence of their claims. The fact is that many very sincere people of faith have been prayed over by preachers who told them that they (the preacher) healed by God’s power, and yet these sincere believers died of Covid-19.

Therefore, the Coronavirus Pandemic stands as a powerful witness against these modern-day “faith-healing” charlatans. For more information directly related to this issue, please see the following articles on this website:

**Articles about Healing:**

***“Healing Miracles—What Does the Bible Say?”***

***“Are People Divinely Healed Today?”***

***“Healings—For Christians or Non-Christians?”***

**Articles about Using [Mark 16:17,18](#) to Support Claims of Healing**

***“How Do We Know Mark Ends at 16:8, and Not 16:20?”***

***“The Ending of Mark”***