

I Live and Breathe to Do Thy Will
A Study of the Church in the Book of Acts
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Mark 16:17

1. Signs (miracles) that shall follow them that believe – Miracles, valuable not so much for what they are, as for what they indicate of the grace and power of the believer or his connection with a higher spiritual world.

- Cast out devils (demons) in the name of Jesus - Acts 8:7 Phillip in Samaria, unclean spirits, with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them... And there was great joy in the city.
- Speak with new tongues (languages of men) - Act 2:4 Day of Pentecost in the upper room.
- Take up serpents, and it shall not harm them - Act 28:3-6 Paul as a prisoner after their shipwreck on the way to Rome was gathering sticks for a fire and a snake bite him.... (Not an indication that we should try handling poisonous snakes to prove something)
- Drink any deadly thing, it shall not harm them - if satan tries to kill you with poison, he can't do it, unless GOD's willing.
- Shall lay hands on the sick (morally sick or physically ill), and they shall recover - all through Acts after Pentecost.

2. Mark 16:20 - "...the Lord working with them and confirming the word with signs following."

3. Philippians 2:5-11 How do we get to this place where these things began to happen today in our lives:

- *"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus - although he was equal with God (had the same outward form as God), he came with the mind of a servant (made himself of no reputation and took on the form of a man) and humbled himself and became obedient unto the will of the Father."*
- Jesus came with the mindset that : I Live and Breathe to Do the Will of God. Throughout all his ministry, he constantly said "not his will, but thine be done".
- But now God has highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
- If we get to hear God say 'Well done, thy good and faithful servant', we are going to have to get to that same place that Jesus was... I Live and Breathe to do thy will.

4. Then as we recognize the power that is within us by the Holy Ghost and become a body of believers that pray without ceasing, with a mindset that I live and breathe to do your will...

- Then God working with us will confirm the gospel we preach with signs and wonders will follow
- But we will have paid the price of sanctifying ourselves unto Him and sanctifying Him in our hearts (*I Peter 3:15*).