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SIGNS AND WONDERS

When Jesus walked on earth there were many signs and wonders that he performed. Then he sent out the 70 and it happened with them. It was a sign of the power of God manifested through the average man or woman.

The same power is available to us today if we believe. Many have not been taught this though. In Mark 16 Jesus is speaking to His disciples before he ascended to the Father. He said in Mark 16:17, ***“These signs shall follow them that believe....”*** So, the question is are you a believer? A believer is more than just someone that has believed in Jesus for salvation. It is a person that believes that the rest of that verse will take place in their lives.

Let’s continue with the verse, ***“In my name shall they cast out devils...”*** Well, that means you have power over Satan to cast him out of your life and out of others’ lives too. We do not have to fear as believers that Satan has more power than we do as Christians. We don’t do it in our own strength or name. We do it through the first part of the verse, ***“In my name...”***

Let’s continue with the verse. ***“They shall speak with new tongues....”*** Well, that is a choice to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence being that you speak in tongues that you have never learned or refuse that gift and not do it. Once again, as a believer you have every right to this gift.

Let’s continue with verse 18, ***“They shall take up serpents....”*** This does not mean that you become a snake handler, but if a snake bites you then you “take it” and shake it off like the Apostle Paul did when one came out of a fire and bit him. We should have no fear of snakes whatsoever. We have authority over them ***“in the name of Jesus.”***

Let’s continue with the verse, ***“If they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them...”*** This let’s us know that we can stand on God’s promise if someone gives us poison, or we take it ignorantly that we have the authority to not let it hurt us through the name of Jesus. It does not mean that we presumptuously drink poison just to see if God will heal us. That is presumption, and you might die.

The rest of the verse says, ***“they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”*** Now that is a powerful promise. You don’t have to even speak a word for someone to recover. All you have to do is lay hands on someone in the authority of Jesus’ name and they will recover from their sickness.

The word says it, now it is up to us to believe and stand on these verses and believe they are for “all believers” including yourself and act on them. When you start stepping out in faith doing what it says, in the name of Jesus, then signs and wonders will follow you. You don’t go looking for signs and wonders. They follow us. We don’t follow them!