

THE PURPOSE OF SIGNS AND WONDERS

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MK. 16:15-20 NKJV

We've all been commissioned to preach the Gospel and reach our generation for Christ. According to Jesus, some will receive it and be saved and some won't. He also said certain signs would accompany believers: casting out devils, speaking with new tongues, exercising dominion over the animal kingdom, protection from harmful substances and healing the sick.

- The Gospel: Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose on the third day according to the scriptures.
 - The Signs: Accompany believers, confirm the word, and authenticate our ministry as ministers of reconciliation.
- 1.) Accompany believers: Follow means to go somewhere with a person or accompany him; to be at one's side; to be close by. As we share the Gospel, we should always be aware of these signs and expect them to manifest as we believe.
 - 2.) Confirm the Word: Jesus didn't say signs would confirm our opinion or religious position. **JER. 1:11-12 AMPC** God's not asleep or inactive. He's alert and actively watching over His Word to perform it. **ACTS 4:29-31 MSG.**
 - 3.) Authenticate One's Ministry: **ACTS 2:22-24** Signs, wonders and miracles authenticated Christ's ministry. **ROM. 15:18-19; 1 COR. 2:4-5** The same is said of Paul.

To Die For - ACTS 5:17-42 MSG

Instead of rejoicing over the multitudes that were just healed, the religious leaders arrested the apostles and threatened them. Instead of giving up, they preached in the temple and took a strong stand for the Gospel. We must be so motivated!

