

Why aren't there signs and wonders in our midst ?

Mark 16:15/18 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

And these signs shall follow them that believe; **In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;**

They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Faith is: Full. Assurance. In. The. Heart.

The opposite of Faith is Fear

Fear is: False. Evidence. Appearing. Real.

In other words we are afraid of ridicule or looking like an idiot.

(What if we lay hands on someone and there not healed?)

We focus on the what ifs and the negative side, whereas faith looks at the end or things that aren't as if they were.

2 Timothy 1:7 **For God hath not given us the spirit of fear;** but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

So you see, Fear is of the devil and the flesh. It keeps us from excelling with God, from learning new things on the job etc.

How many times have we said or heard someone else say: "I can't do that, I'll never learn that, I'm too stupid or the Lord knows I'm too slow." These are all excuses of FEAR.

If you know Christ and pray and study his word and have the convictions of the great commission (Mark 16:15+), THEN act upon

those convictions, you have nothing to loose, except maybe a little false pride, or perhaps a bruised ego.

Romans 8:28 *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

Every aspect of a Christian walk has to be learned, like a baby learning how to walk, like a child learning how to ride a bike, like an adult learning how to drive a car. **DO YOU GET THE POINT?**

Sure your going to be shaky, your going to make mistakes, but God said **ALL THINGS** (Rom 8:28), pretty soon you'll run, jump or in other words be in sink with what the Holy Spirit is showing and expecting you to do.

God parted the Red Sea and all the Israelites had to do was walk across on dry land. Sorta like Salvation, Jesus did it all,all we had to do was except it.

BUT

When the Israelites went across Jordan into the promised land God **DID NOT** part the flooded river until the priests waded into the water.

Joshua 3:13 *And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap.*

So it is with us today, Salvation is free, but to grow takes **FAITH** (a form of works)

IF YOU WANT TO SEE GODS POWER IN OPERATION IN YOUR GROUP

THEN YOU WILL HAVE TO ACT UPON YOUR CONVICTIONS !!!

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