

***Miracles Today
The Purposes for Miracles
Philippians 3:10-11***

A miracle is a temporary glimpse of God's Kingdom interrupting the normal course of our fallen world to awaken our attention and demand our response.

1 Corinthians 4:20 (ESV) — For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.

God releases miracles FOR us, IN us and THROUGH us to demonstrate His grace TO us.

Philippians 3:10–11 (ESV) — That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Miracles are for...

1. The SALVATION of the LOST

Philippians 3:10a (ESV) — That I may know him [Christ]...

John 17:3 (ESV) — And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

John 9:35–38 (ESV) — Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

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2. God SHOWING His merciful LOVE

Philippians 3:10a (ESV) — That I may know him [Christ]...

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3. The STRENGTHENING of the SAVED

Philippians 3:10b (ESV) — That I may know ... the power of his resurrection ...

2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV) — And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Philippians 1:6 (NLT) — And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

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4. Our SHARING in Christ's SUFFERINGS

Philippians 3:10c (ESV) — That I may ... share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death ...

1 Peter 2:20b–21 (ESV) — ... If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

Romans 8:35–37 (NLT) — Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

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5. SEEING a glimpse of our FUTURE

Philippians 3:10–11 (ESV) — That I may know him [Christ] and the power of his resurrection, and may share his

sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Revelation 21:1–5 (ESV) — Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

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