

Miracle Power

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Acts 3:1-10 AMP

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour (3:00 p.m.), and a man who had been unable to walk from birth was being carried along, whom they used to set down every day at that gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, so that he could beg alms from those entering the temple. So when he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he began to asking [them] for coins. But Peter, along with John, stared at him intently and said, "Look at us!" And the man began to pay attention to them, eagerly expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have; but what I do have I give to you: In the name (authority, power) of Jesus Christ the Nazarene-[begin now to] walk and go on walking!" Then he seized the man's right hand with a firm grip and raised him up. And at once his feet and ankles became steady, and with a leap he stood up and began to walk; and he went into the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God; and they recognized him as the very man who usually sat begging for coins at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement and were mystified at what had happened to him.

The English word **miracle** comes from the Latin miraculum, meaning "object of wonder", which in turn comes from mirari, "to wonder at or be amazed."

But in the New Testament Greek, there are a few words often translated as "miracle." In Acts 3, the healing of the lame man is described not with the word "miracle" per se, but with signs and wonders:

Greek Insight: **Dynamis** — not magic, not mood, but Spirit-filled power.

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1 Corinthians 12:4-10 NIV

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

John 14:10-16 NIV

Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? The words I say to you I do not speak on My own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in Me, who is doing His work. Believe Me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in Me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in My name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do it. "If you love me, keep My commands. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to help you and be with you forever.

Acts 3:11-12 NIV

While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?

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1 Peter 3:15-18 NIV

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.