



“Spectacle”

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You can't be heard when there is a crashing cymbal behind you all of the time!

- Before the Point, Sean was followed by a cymbal that crashed every time he tried to speak to someone.

The Point: Miracles are God-Glorifying, not Name-Dropping

- The reason for miracles in the Bible was to point people to God, NOT to the “doer” of the miracle
- Today “signs and wonders” tend to be focused on the doer as the goal as part of a “spooky”, mystical sign of God’s presence

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

I. The Most Excellent Way

- 1 Corinthians 12:30b
- (Galatians 5:22-23 – “The fruit of the Spirit is LOVE...”)

Love is the Most Spectacular

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

- Love is the biggest “sign” because without it, NOTHING ELSE MATTERS
- People are sometimes more interested in pursuing “signs and miracles,” but ignore love
- If you want to do something miraculous—love others!

Love is the Most Selfless

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

- Unlike some who say that we need to pursue “signs and miracles”, we should NOT be seeking our own benefit, but the benefit of others

Love is the Most Surviving

1 Corinthians 13:8-13

- When all is finished, Love will be the ONLY thing that lasts.
- Pursue something that will last for eternity!



II. The 3 “Biggies”?

- There are people that we will see in heaven that don’t agree with me on this.
- I may be wrong, this may be happening somewhere, but it does not seem to be “normative”
- So what I will tell you is what we DO know about miracles and signs from the Bible

To Validate the “New Thing”

Mark 2:5-12

- One thing we see with miracles and signs, is that it seems that they were accompanying this “NEW THING” that Jesus was doing with the church
- Miracles were to VALIDATE the message
- “Come for the Miracles, Stay for the Lifechange!”
- I could be wrong, so ALWAYS go back to the Bible

1. Prophecy

What We DO Know:

- The Greek word for Prophet (*prophetes*) means “one who tells forth”
- Prophecy must be evaluated
 - 1 Corinthians 14:29
 - 2 Peter 2:1-3
 - Deuteronomy 18:20-22
 - 1 John 1:41-3a
 - Acts 17:10-11
- God *does* speak through Jesus
 - Hebrews 1:1-3

2. Tongues

What We DO Know:

- The Greek word for tongues (*glossa*) means “languages”
 - Acts 2:1-13
 - Acts 10:44-47
 - Revelation 7:9-10
- Not everyone spoke in tongues
 - 1 Corinthians 12:27-31
- Tongues were not personal, but meant for “outsiders”
 - 1 Corinthians 14:10-12
 - 1 Corinthians 14:22,27-28



3. Healing

What We DO Know:

- Healing wasn't about honoring the healer
 - Mark 1:41-45
- Sometimes people were not healed
 - 2 Timothy 4:19-20
 - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
- (No one claims to have the gift of "deathing")
 - Acts 5:1-11
- God *does* heal
 - James 5:13-15