



## Acts 19:11-12

### Faith & Miracles (Part 1)

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#### The Context of Paul's "Extraordinary Miracles":

- The anointing of the Apostles to perform regular "extraordinary miracles" was unique – especially during the first few decades of the Church.

- Its purpose was to authenticate their Gospel preaching and writings as authoritative and divine (I.E., from God).

God was doing two unique things through His Apostles that would never be repeated in history – establishing the Church and authoring the New Testament.

- Today, the Lord expects us to judge all teaching by His Word.
- God still does miracles, but He no longer empowers individuals with the same anointing He placed upon the Apostles.

*...a woman suffering from bleeding for twelve years had endured much under many doctors. She had spent everything she had and was not helped at all. On the contrary, she became worse. Having heard about Jesus, she... - Mark 5:25-27*

*...approached from behind and touched the end of his robe, for she said to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I'll be made well."*  
- Matthew 9:20-21

*Instantly her flow of blood ceased, and she sensed in her body that she was healed of her affliction. Immediately Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" His disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing against you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" But he was looking around to see who had done this. The woman, with fear and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. - Mark 5:29-33*

*..."Have courage, daughter," he said. "Your faith has ~~saved you~~ (made you well)." And the woman was made well from that moment. - Matthew 9:22*

*Wherever he went, into villages, towns, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch just the end of his robe. And everyone who touched it was healed. - Mark 6:56*

Faith is the \_\_\_\_\_ that God is who He says He is, and is evidenced by our \_\_\_\_\_.

*...without faith it is impossible to please God, since the one who draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. - Hebrews 11:6*

#### Why People with Incomplete and/or Flawed Beliefs Received a Miracle:

1) They responded in faith to the revelation they *had* received about God.

2) They placed their \_\_\_\_\_ in the right thing, \_\_\_\_\_.

For more examples of faith being connected to physical healing, see Matthew 9:27-30a, 13:54-58, 15:21-28; Luke 18:35-43; Acts 5:14-15.

Sometimes the Lord is *not* going to do a miracle, no matter what.

Sometimes the Lord *is* going to do a miracle, no matter what.

Sometimes the Lord is open to doing a miracle, depending upon our *faith*.