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Miraculous gifts and prophecies are for today, because the same Holy Spirit who gave power to the miracles that were started and completed by Christ during the time of the apostles gives us power to be vessels for and experience Jesus's modern-day miracles. Many cessationists would say that the "gifts of tongues, prophecy, and healing" are not for today, while a number of Pentecostal and Third Wave Christians would say yes; some cautious evangelicals may be on the fence or unsure (Gaffin 1). Additionally, some scholars such as John Calvin believe that the miracles during the apostles' time were "designed to 'beautify the first beginnings of the gospel,' and that in causing them to cease God demonstrated that the perfect, in Christ, has come (Butler 22). However, a different kind of miracle can exist today: the modern-day miracle. In Mark, Jesus performs miracles through the Holy Spirit, and offers the same power to his disciples (Barnhill 1). And the influx of African spiritual practices into Christianity is now more present than ever before, and miraculous gifts and prophetic practices from African Christians are contributing to and building "Pentecostal and charismatic spirituality" (Nnamani 1).

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