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(Pneumatology)Are miraculous Gifts for Today?Why or Why not?

I strongly believe that miraculous gifts (tongues, prophecy, word/wisdom/knowledge interpretation and gifts of healing) are absolutely for today. The Holy Spirit co-existed initially in the beginning of creation in the Trinity and will be there as long as God exists .As long as we are on this earth where the eternal God exists we absolutely need miraculous gifts and their functionality .We won't be able to function as believers without these precious gifts from God. Nothing was made without the Holy Spirit being the co-equal of the Triune Godhead, meaning God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit operates in different spectrums which are, the edifying gifts, the sign gifts and the service gifts ***The Reformed Theological Review*** (pg53) and the gifts are not only for today but eternally, because God the Father and the son are co-eternal so is the Holy Spirit too as he is the relevant and powerful being of the Trinity. God does not have a beginning nor ending and the way these gifts operate is through God given power who is the Holy Spirit. In the book of Mark 16;15-18 is the Great Commision and without the miraculous gifts it is impossible for fruition, when believers are not fully equipped to fulfill Jesus' command. The Miraculous gifts are there for the edification of today's church, discerning of good and evil spirits upon the earth and also for strengthening and empowering believers, and manifesting the power of God in people's lives.

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