

*Saturday, December 4, 2004*

*Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 12:29*

*Text for Today: Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?*

### *Expect a Miracle!*

In our text today, Paul raises four questions, the fourth question asks, Do All Work Miracles?

What is a Miracle?

My very old, "Great Encyclopedic Dictionary" says: Miracles can be attributed to a Supernatural or Divine source, any wonderful or amazing thing, fact, or event. Then, what about Miraculous? It says: Wonderful and Amazing, and Extraordinary! And apparently caused by the direct intervention of a supernatural or divine power and finally Having the Power to work Miracles!

Do these descriptions of miracles and how they may occur sound familiar to you? Have you ever expected a miracle? They have happened, you know, and they will continue to happen through the mighty grace of God, and through our continuing faith in him regardless of our circumstances.

During this Christmas season, we celebrate the greatest miracle of all, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, his conception as a miraculous gift of the Holy Spirit, the Angels announcement of the birth to the Shepherds, and the visit of three wise men or Magi to the infant Jesus. These events lend support to our belief that the Christ Child was indeed Amazing, Extraordinary, and Wonderful and that our Lord sent him to us and all of humanity to redeem us.

Prayer: Father God...This is your day! Thank you for sharing it with us once again! As we come to praise you this Christmas season, we know how much you love us. We recognize your power to guide us, protect us, and care for us. Continue to give us light to see your will, and the strength to do it, that Miracles will continue in our lives. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior we pray...Amen.

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