

## CB109 Why you can work Miracles

Jesus told His apostles they would do the same works that He did, [Joh. 14:12]. He didn't exclude the other ministers because Stephen worked wonders and miracles: *"And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people,"* [Ac. 6:8].

In these last days, some ministers have also worked miracles. Smith Wigglesworth and Catherine Kuhlman were Generals in God's army. I even worked a few great miracles although for only about 3 years — you can hear my testimony of most of these in "Except they be Sent," FFM001.

Recall something Jesus said to the Jews in Jerusalem: *"The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise,"* [Joh. 5:19].

That verse shows that the Father chooses the recipients of His blessings. Jesus could work miracles for two reasons. One, He saw what the Father wanted to do. Two, He had the faith to say and do what he saw His Father do.

So, the first question is not, "How can you work miracles?" but, "Why you can work miracles?" Working miracles is much easier than praying for the sick, [Jas. 5:15].

So why are miracles so scarce in the body of Christ? Perhaps some of us see what the Father wants us to do, but don't have the faith to say and do what we see. This lesson is designed to help you have faith for miracles.

### Snared and Taken

Map-1 shows eighteen **walks** to the Tabernacle and the six sets of **fall backs**. After **Be Broken**, Map-2 shows these stories as **Snared and Taken**.

Map-1 St. John			Map-2 St. John		
Walk - Fall Backward			Snared - Taken		
1:11 <b>S1a</b> 1:14	1:15 <b>S2a</b> 1:24	1:25 <b>S3a</b> 1:34	1:1 <b>S1a</b> 1:14	3:1 <b>S1b</b> 3:21	5:17 <b>S1c</b> 5:30
1:35 <b>S4a</b> 1:51	2:1 <b>S5a</b> 2:11	2:12 <b>S6a</b> 2:25	1:15 <b>S2a</b> 1:24	3:22 <b>S2b</b> 3:36	5:31 <b>S2c</b> 5:47
3:1 <b>S1b</b> 3:21	3:22 <b>S2b</b> 3:36	4:1 <b>S3b</b> 4:26	1:25 <b>S3a</b> 1:34	4:1 <b>S3b</b> 4:26	6:1 <b>S3c</b> 6:21
4:27 <b>S4b</b> 4:42	4:43 <b>S5b</b> 4:54	5:1 <b>S6b</b> 5:16	1:35 <b>S4a</b> 1:51	4:27 <b>S4b</b> 4:42	6:22 <b>S4c</b> 6:34
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The texts for the top row of icons in Map-2 are in your "Why and How you can work Miracles" chart. I will show parts of this chart in this lesson. [If you haven't done so, print this chart now. See Circle Bible, "Library of Doctrines."]

Let's begin by noting some minor changes to the charts shown earlier. Begin at the top of your printed copy. [1] Added beside the Text location are 3 words that help interpret these 3 stories — Spirit, Body, and Soul.

[2] One set of titles divides the Kingdom of Heaven [KH]; this set is between D2 and D3a. Another set of titles divide the Kingdom of God [KG]; this set is between D5 and D6a. The charts on Pages 6, 9, 10 and 13 do not have titles in these locations.

Their omission helped to increase the focus on the KH and KG. Yet, these titles belong in every story chart. They help to clarify and mentally retain each story. Not only this, but later in Part-3 of this course, we will see how scripture mandates them.

### Bob Mumford's Four Ps

Brother Bob Mumford taught a lesson called "The Four-Ps." These are Promise, Problem, Principle and Provision. There is a Problem after every Promise, a Principle after every Problem, and a Provision after every Principle. [You can order his lessons at [lifechangersoutreach.com](http://lifechangersoutreach.com).]

Bob's four Ps apply to all Bible Stories, but only after a change in 2 of his 4 titles. His four Ps are unique to Promises. The four Ps I speak of are unique to every bible story. These 4 Ps are another reason for the titles between D2 and D3a and between D5 and D6a.

The Ps in this universal set are Plan, Problem, Provider and Provision. These are not on your Miracles Chart, but I will apply them on the partial charts in this lesson. D1 and D2 show the Plan; D3a and D3b show the Problem; D4 and D5 show the Provider and D6a and D6b show the Provision.

### The 4Ps and their Titles

Consult your Miracles Chart to see those four divisions. In all three stories, the 4Ps and the 2 sets of titles contribute to the understanding of the scriptures in each of the seven days.

Thus, the Four Ps divide the three stories in your Miracles Chart. They will guide us as we interpret the chart. I will use conventional study methods to interpret the symbols, but I will use the CBSM to interpret the chart.

In Chart A1 on Page-15 we worked horizontally from S1a & S1b to S1c. We saw the man in the garden, the sons of man in the book of Adam, and then "the Lord is that Spirit" on the immortal side of the cross.

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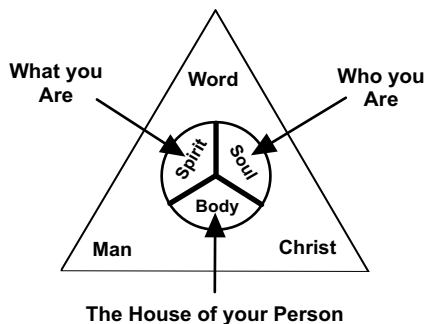
That was our first demonstration of how the CBSM learn a doctrine that's not available using conventional study matches scriptures whose stories have like numbers. Now let's methods. We will use the `4Ps to do this.

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### D1 Plan

Start by reading S1a, S1b and S1c in your Miracles Chart. This will give you a view of the forest. Then, from left to right above, read D1 in each story. This will give you a relational view of one day in this forest. Now let's study these trees to learn about their relationships.

**S1a D1:** The word "Word" in Joh. 1:1 is Logos in the Greek text. It means "something said, including the thought," [G3056]. "The Word" appears 3 times — once each for the spirit, soul, and body. Which part of the person each appearance applies to is not important here. What is relevant is that the three parts became the Person of the Son of God in Joh. 1:14.



**S1b D1:** Nicodemus is the star of the show in Joh. 3:1. Let's call him "Nick" to save space. The Logos in 1:1 made his spirit, soul, and body, but the focus here is on his Old Man. God made his body in the image of Christ's body. All males have Christ's image and likeness, but females only have His likeness. God gave them long hair as a token of the male image, [Ge. 1:26-27; 1Co. 11:7].

Thus, Nick had both the likeness and the image of Christ. In 3:1, notice that Nick was a ruler of the Jews. This made him a representative of Christ Who was also a ruler of the Jews.

However, Nick ruled over the darkness of ignorance and Christ ruled over the knowledge of Light. Light represents knowledge, [2Co. 4:6].

**S1c D1:** Recall the 3 base stations on Page-15. In the dream, pulling wires from S1a and S1b into S1c shows me using the scriptures in S1a and S1b to interpret the scriptures in S1c.

Jesus is the Word in Joh. 1:1; Nick represents Him as a ruler of the Jews in 3:1, and Jesus is the Son of man in 5:17. These help with the interpretation of Joh. 5:17-18. The Word in S1a becomes Nick's Old Man in S1b; these identify the Son of man in S1c.

Christ's discussion in 5:17-18 began in the previous story [Joh. 5:1-16] where He told a crippled man to take up his bed and walk. The Jews had accused Him of breaking the Sabbath.

In S1c D1, Jesus defends that miracle by telling the Jews that His Father had told Him to heal the crippled man. His Father [Jehovah] had made the Logos, Nick was a human copy of the Logos, and the Son of man was equal with God because He was the Person of God.

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So all the works that Jesus did,  
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### D2 Plan

As we continue, consider that D1 of S1a, S1b and S1c are counterparts of S1a, S1b and S1c in D2.

**S1a D2:** The word "same" in Joh. 1:2 is a pronoun for the noun "Word [x3]" in Joh 1:1. And the "Word [x3]" that "was God" in 1:1 became the "Person of God" in Joh. 1:14.

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However, *God* in 1:1 and *God* in 1:2 is not the same. *God* in 1:2 is *with God* in 1:1. To say they are the same would be like saying that Jehovah is with Jehovah. Thus, *God* in 1:2 is the Spirit of God [Jehovah] Who is with the [same] Person of God in 1:2.

**S1b D2:** First, “*the same*” in Joh. 3:2 is the ruler of the Jews in 3:1. Second, “*the same*” is also a product of the [*the same*] in 1:2 which is the Logos in 1:1.

Nick came to Jesus by night. Darkness represents ignorance because light represents knowledge [2Co. 4:6]. Nick came by night to show his ignorance of spiritual matters.

However, Nick’s inability to understand spiritual things did not hinder his ability to think. He had either seen or heard of Christ’s miracles and had enough sense to know that only God can do what Jesus was doing.

He declared that no man could do the miracles Jesus was doing except God be with him. In this he shows that he had more common sense than the Jews in D2 of S1c.

**S1c D2:** In 5:19, Jesus responds to the Jews’ jealous criticism in 5:17-18 and to Nick’s witness of God being with Christ in 3:2. Although He has admitted to being equal with God, He reflects all credit for His works to His Father. He can do nothing of Himself. Then He explains how and why He works miracles.

He works miracles by seeing what the Father wants Him to do and does the same by faith. He speaks and does what He sees the Father do.

This explains “how” He works miracles, which is all He says on this subject. His outer man doesn’t know any more about working miracles than Nick’s outer man.

However, His inner man understands why He could work miracles. He can work miracles because His Father is with Him. This is like what Nick said about His ability to work miracles.

After explaining why He works miracles, Jesus explains why His Father works miracles. God is love. Being the Person of

God, Jesus is love. It is through God and His great love that the Father sheds His grace on those of His creation. And in Joh. 5:21, Jesus explains how His Father works miracles and who He chooses as recipients of this grace.

### The Plan Summary

Follow this summary with your Miracles Chart in hand:

**S1a:** In Joh. 1:1, the Logos pattern reveals the Person of God as the Son of God. In Joh. 1:2, the Spirit of God is with the Son of God.

**S1b:** In Joh. 3:1, Nick represents the Son. Nick’s ignorance shows that Christ was no more capable of working miracles than anyone else. And in Joh. 3:2, Nick confirms this by saying that no man can do what Jesus does except God [the Spirit] be with him.

**S1c:** In Joh. 5:17-18, Jesus is the Person of God which makes Him equal with His Father. And in Joh. 5:19-21, Jesus agrees with Nick that He can do nothing of Himself, that the Father does all the work. He also explains that love is the motivation for the miracles He and the Father works.

The “Problem” follows the Plan. Jesus wants His disciples to do the same works that He did. Earlier I said that the question is not how to work miracles, but why you can work miracles. The Problem helps to explain why.

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### Nouns and Pronouns

We must know and follow these rules: [1] Nouns always appear before their pronouns. Were this not true, the reader or listener would not know what the pronouns represent. So then, all matching nouns and pronouns must be in the same text.

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D 3 b	Joh 1:4 In him was life; & the life was the light of men. 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; & the darkness comprehended it not.	Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water & [of] the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; & that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.	Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, & believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, & shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

[2] You should never look for the noun that matches its pronoun anywhere except in the text where the noun appears. Break this rule, and false doctrine will lead you astray.

### D3a Problem

**S1a D3a:** God's Problem in Joh. 1:3 is to fulfill His command in Ge. 1:26, to make humanity in His image and likeness. Our problem in 1:3 is with the pronoun *things*. The solution is to follow the rules listed above — nouns always appear before their pronouns and matching nouns and pronouns always appear in the same text.

First, "*all things*" in 1:3 evolve from the Logos in 1:1, and other than the "Spirit of Jehovah" in 1:2, the only noun appearing before "*all things*" is the Logos. Knowing that God the Spirit was not made, *things* in 1:3 must represent two or more people made according to the pattern of the Logos in Joh. 1:1.

*Him* in 1:3 is another pronoun. This "*him*" must represent a noun in 1:1 or 1:2. Other than God's Spirit in these two verses, Logos is the only noun. So, Christ is the "*him*" by which God made all things [humans].

The rest of V3 confirms the above, "*without him was not any thing made that was made.*" Thus, God made all persons via the likeness of the Person of God Who existed as the Logos in the mind of Jehovah.

**S1b D3a:** *All things* [humans] made in God's likeness fall into sin. His plan of redemption begins with *Repentance from Dead Works*. *Faith toward God* follows and then the *New Birth*.

So, the problem in Joh. 3:3 is not making man; it's restoring him to the likeness he had before he sinned. One goal of this restoration is for man to SEE and ENTER the Kingdom of God where he or she can work miracles.

In Joh. 3:3, Nick represents the Old Man that has a natural mind that doesn't understand spiritual matters. So then, when Jesus says a man must be born again [*again* means *above*

G509], Nick's carnal mind didn't understand what Jesus meant.

**S1c D3a:** The Problem in 5:22 follows the Plan in 5:21 which is to raise the [figurative] dead. This problem also follows the need to be born again in 3:3. Read 5:22-23: The Son judges that all men should honor the Son and the Father. They do this via the New Birth in 3:3 which makes "*all things*" [people in 1:3] new.

Now, you cannot rise from the dead in 5:22 unless you are dead in 5:21. Thus, the born-again experience in 3:3 requires you to be dead. This means that you must take up and die on your cross before God can raise you from the dead in the likeness of Christ's resurrection.

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### D3b Problem

D3a in S1a, S1b, and S1c teach of death. D3b in S1a, S1b and S1c teach of life. Making man from the Logos Plan in 1:3 is a Problem; the cross in 3:3 is a problem and honoring the Son and the Father in 5:22-23 is a Problem. [In most stories, perhaps all, D3b solves the Problem in D3a.]

**S1a D3b:** *Him* in 1:4 is a pronoun for Christ through whom God made *all things* in 1:3. *In Christ was life*; and this *life was the light of men*. These are near direct quotes from Joh. 1:4. But how does *life* equate with *light*?

Light represents knowledge: "*For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ,*" [2Co. 4:6].

An in-depth study of Ge. 2:7, which tells of God forming the first man, teaches that the knowledge that gave life to the body of Adam is the covenant of the Ten Commandments. [FL106 teaches the details of this doctrine.]

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In Joh. 1:5, this *darkness* represents all who don't know that God's covenant resides in their souls. This understanding is spelled out in the last part of this verse: "... and the darkness comprehended it not." FL205, Christ the Man, the Mystery, and the Mediator" teaches the details of this doctrine.]

**S1b D3b:** In Joh. 3:4, Nick is ignorant concerning the new birth. His ignorance represents the inability of the Old Man to understand spiritual matters. Notice how his carnal thinking turns to natural births; he has no idea that Jesus has spoken a parable.

Then, in Joh. 3:5, Jesus partly interprets the parable and partly defines it in 3:6. The new birth has two parts, one of flesh via water, the other of spirit via Spirit. The birth from water is a token burial of the Old Man followed by a token resurrection of the New Man, [1Pe. 3:21]. I will explain the birth of the spirit shortly.

New converts begin their journey from sin to salvation via "*Repentance from Dead Works.*" Dead works are unfruitful attempts to avoid the death-penalty by blaming their sins on others. Adam blamed "*the woman*" and Eve blamed "*the serpent*," [Ge. 3:12-13]. These works were dead because they didn't annul the death sentence.

But when sinners blame themselves, they are "*born of God*," [1Jo. 5:1]. Then the grace of forgiveness begets humility and "*Faith toward God*," [Read FL106, "From Faith to Faith."] Freedom from "fear of death" enables them to realize their sins caused Christ's death. This realization leads them to take up their cross and follow Jesus via the new birth.

Here's the rest of the story. "*Repentance from Dead Works*" begets babes in Christ and "*Faith toward God*" clears their young minds. But these two principles don't join them to the body of Christ.

They join the body of Christ via "The "Doctrine of Baptisms." This is the birth of the spirit in Joh. 3:5. Paul explains

this birth in 1Co. 12:13: "*For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*"

**S1c D3b:** Moses' laws divide Israel into 3 groups — Common, Levites, and Priests. The common man represents the Old Man, and the Levite represents the New Man. Levites served the Tabernacle. Their NT equivalents are the ministers of the 4-fold ministry.

Moreover, the life that God gives these ministers in Joh. 1:4, and the spiritual life restored to them in Joh. 3:5-6, become everlasting life in Joh. 5:24. And the blessings of this life are on those who maintain a pure conscience and feel no condemnation.

"No condemnation" translates into "*faith toward God* and victory in Jesus: Read 1Jo. 3:21-24]: "*Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. 22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. 23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. 24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.*"

This completes the Kingdom of Heaven part of "Why and How you can work Miracles." [Some may want to study this lesson a second time before continuing with the KG part.]

### Lesson Summary

God made Christ and all humanity after the pattern of the Logos. This means He made every male and female after the pattern of His inward likeness.

Because your New Man is like Christ, and Christ's Old Man is like you, nature has equipped you to do the same works that Jesus did.

This understanding does one of two things: It brings you

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up to His level, or it brings Him down to your level. This is not a spiritual but a mental understanding.

Jesus is the HERO of all believers, and rightly so. But He does not want us to see the Son as a Super Man. If you esteem His earthy person greater or lesser than your earthy person, your lack of understanding will hinder you from doing the

works He did.

Lesson CB109 covers the Plan and Problem concerning miracles. Lesson CB110 will explain the Provider and Provision of miracles. [May the Lord bless you with "*a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ*," [ Eph. 1:17].

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