

John 6:28-29

John 6:28 – *“Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?”*

A. One cannot know all the works of God (**Ecclesiastes 11:5**). Notice now a few works of God that we do know about:

1. The writing of commandments on the two tables of stone (**Exodus 32:15-16**).
2. The thundering of the voice of God, the weather, etc. (**Job 37:5-23**).
3. The parting of the red sea (**Psalms 66:5-6**; cf. **Exodus 14:21-22**).
4. Causing the blind to see (**John 9:1-7**).
5. The ability to speak in unknown tongues (**Acts 2:1-11**).

B. We know that this request is not pleasing to the Lord (**Acts 8:13-24**).

1. The ability to perform the works of God was given to disciples of the Lord by the Holy Spirit (**I Corinthians 12:3-11**).
2. One received the Holy Spirit through Holy Spirit baptism (**Acts 1:8** and **Acts 10:44-11:18**), which ceased during the first century (**Ephesians 4:5**; cf. **I Peter 3:20-21**).
3. The only other way the Spirit was given was through the laying on of an Apostle’s hands (**Acts 8:14-18** and **Acts 19:1-7**).
 - a. To be an Apostle one had to see the resurrected Christ (**Acts 1:22-26**).
 - b. Paul was the last to see the Lord (**I Corinthians 15:1-8**).
 - c. There are no Apostles today, so no one can perform the works of God!

John 6:29 – *“Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.”*

A. Rather than the ability to perform wonders, God wants people to have faith in Christ (**Acts 20:21**, **Galatians 3:26-27**, **II Timothy 3:15**, and **I John 3:23**).

1. If the Jews had believed in the Lord, they would have done something about their lost condition (**Hebrews 11:7**).
2. Without faith they cannot be saved (**Mark 16:15-16**, **John 3:18**, **John 8:23-24**, **Romans 10:16-17**, **Galatians 5:6**, and **Hebrews 11:6**).
3. As noted above, had they believed in Christ the works would have come to them in the future (**John 14:10-12**).

B. The whole reason these people had seen the miraculous works of God was so that they would believe in Christ (**John 10:25** and **Acts 2:22**).

1. Miracles confirmed the message (**Mark 16:20** and **Hebrews 2:4**).
2. Sometimes all the miracles in the world wouldn’t convince those who refused to see the truth (**Numbers 14:1-11** and **Psalms 106:6-25**).