**Four Views on the Miraculous Gifts**Based on the positions put forth in the book
*Are the Miraculous Gifts for Today?: Four Views*Wayne Grudem, General Editor (Zondervan, 1996)

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|  | **Cessationist** | **Open But Cautious** | **Third Wave** | **PentecostalCharismatic** |
| **Authors in Book** | Richard B. Gaffin Jr. | Robert L. Saucy | C. Samuel Storms | Douglas A. Oss |
| **Existence** | The Holy Spirit dwells within all believers | The Holy Spirit dwells within all believers | The Holy Spirit dwells within all believers | The Holy Spirit dwells within all believers |
| **Expectation** | We should not expect the Holy Spirit to give miraculous gifts today | We should not expect the Holy Spirit to give miraculous gifts today, but must be open to God working as He wills | We should expect the miraculous gifts to be manifested by Christians around us on a regular basis | We should expect the miraculous gifts to be manifested by Christians around us on a regular basis |
| **Encouragement** | We should not encourage believers to seek out the miraculous gifts because they have ceased | We should not encourage believers to seek out the miraculous gifts because they will be given by the Holy Spirit as needed | Christian should seek and pray for the demonstration of God’s power through the miraculous gifts | Christians should seek out, pray for, and practice the miraculous gifts |
| **Terms** | **Prophecy** | speaking God’s word**Tongues** | speaking a language or evangelism**Healing** | immediate curing of the afflicted | **Prophecy** | Inspired utterances**Tongues** | speaking a language for evangelism**Healing** | immediate curing of the afflicted | **Prophecy** | speaking God’s word**Tongues** | speaking to God in prayer and for edification**Healing** | divine curing through prayer | **Prophecy** | ‘Spirit to Spirit communication from God’**Tongues** | public statements/interpretation and prayer language**Healing** | immediate curing of the afflicted |
| **Purposes** | To authenticate the gospel message | To authenticate the gospel message | The miraculous gifts vary in purpose: evidence, encouragement, compassion, love, and/or evangelism | The miraculous gifts vary in purpose: evidence, encouragement, compassion, love, and/or evangelism |
| **Empowerment** | There is no empowerment distinct from conversion  | There is no empowerment distinct from conversion | There is no empowerment distinct from conversion, though the intensity of the Spirit changes by situation | There is a second baptism of the Spirit after conversion (Spirit baptism) and tongues is the sign of this |
| **Church Life** | Miraculous gifts have no role in the life of the church | Miraculous gifts have a role in both the gathered and scatter church contexts | The church should make spaces for the miraculous gifts to be manifested for the common good | The church should make spaces for the miraculous gifts to be manifested for the common good |
| **Verses Used to Defend this View** | 1 Corinthians 13:8-10Ephesians 2:11-21 | Hebrews 2:3-41 Corinthians 14:20-33 | 1 Corinthians 12:7-102 Corinthians 12:12 | Joel 2:28-32Acts 2:2-4 |
| **Some People Who Hold This View** | R.C. SproulJohn MacArthurB.B. Warfield | John PiperD.A. CarsonMark Dever | John WimberSam Storms Wayne Grudem | Gordon FeePat RobertsonBill Johnson (Bethel) |

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