

## **The Doctrine of Miracles** **by Christopher Warrington**

I believe that miracles are actions performed by human beings (Ex 4:2-8, 1Co 12:10) by the power of the Spirit (Jn 3:2, Ro 15:19) for the express purpose of affirming the message of the Gospel (Heb 2:4), authenticating the messenger who preaches the Good News (Ac 8:6-8) as well as to declare that the Kingdom of God has come (Mt 12:28, Lk 9:1-2).

I believe that we are waging war against the spiritual realm (Eph 6:10-12) and that miracles are our weapons to defend the faith (2Co 10:3-4). I believe that even today we are to ask God for miracles as the early church did (Ac 4:29-30) and as we are instructed by James to do (Jas 5:14). And I believe that we are to be on guard for false teachers (2 Co 11:13, 2Pe 2:1-3) who do miraculous things not by the power of the Spirit (2Th 2:9-10, Rev 13:11-14) and take courage that God shall overcome their evil (Ac 16:18, 1Jn 4:4).