

# Loss Of Faith In Our Creator God

In this age of so many complex human made gadgets and achievements, trust in physical things that humans have made is common to the majority of human beings.

Our lives are so tied to such human inventions it is so easy to leave a supernatural God out of the picture and our lives in general.

**A major factor in this lack of trust in the Creator God is that we cannot see into His Spirit world.**

When we as Christians begin to trust in humans and what humans can do, is the moment that our relationship with the Christian God begins to have problems.

Why is this?

- a) We begin to forget that the One who really supplies all our physical needs is the Creator God of the Christian Bible.
- b) We forget that God is the One who has total power over all physical things and circumstances.
- c) We begin to forget God's love and mercy.
- d) We begin to forget God's loving desire to forgive our sins against Him our Creator.
- e) We begin to doubt God's willingness to intervene in our lives and supernaturally help us.
- f) We begin to forget that our Creator God is also our healer, when our physical body malfunctions due to our misuse and carelessness.
- g) We begin to forget that Jesus Christ loves each of us so much and He was willing to die a painful death for us.

**What all the above add up to is a loss of faith in our Creator God.**

God knew this would happen so He specifically inspired parts of the Christian Bible to help us rectify the lack of faith problem we all face at times.

In this article I aim to give you a short study of certain special miracles recorded by the apostle John, that will help us to *"get back on track"* as far as our trust in our Creator God is concerned.

Each of these miracles had a special purpose for all of humanity.

**John 20:30-31** [NIV] *"Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But **these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**"*

There were many other miracles that Jesus Christ performed during His physical ministry on earth but the ones recorded by the apostle John were to confirm our belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and our Saviour.

**John 20:29** [NIV] *"Then Jesus told him, **"Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."***

These miracles were recorded for all who were **not** present when they occurred.

## 1. Water Turned Into Wine

**John 2:1-3** [NIV] *“On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no more wine.”*

If you ran out of food or wine at a party would you go to a guest to ask for help?

Notice the unusual conversation that followed.

**John 2:4-5** [NIV] *“Dear woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My time has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”*

The mother of Jesus Christ knew that He was going to perform a miracle, to avoid the acute embarrassment of their host. But Jesus’ reply was *“my time has not yet come.”*

What did Jesus mean by this?

Let The Bible itself explain.

**John 12:23** [NIV] *“Jesus replied, “**The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.**”*

Jesus states that the time had come.

**John 12:27** [NIV] *“Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.”*

Jesus came into the world as a human being to fulfil a certain hour in His life.

**John 13:1** [NIV] *“It was just before the Passover Feast. **Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.**”*

Jesus Christ was talking about the appointed time of His blood sacrifice on the cross.

In this miracle Jesus Christ offered wine for all present to drink.

**1 Corinthians 11:25** [NIV] *“In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “**This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.**”*

The cup of wine was symbolic of Christ’s shed blood, that is offered to all humanity as a means of salvation.

**John 3:17** [NIV] *“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”*

Faith in the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ is the **only** way we can receive eternal life.

**John 2:9-10** [NIV] *“and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. **He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”**”*

Notice **only** the servants knew what had happened, likewise only servants of Jesus Christ as yet know the power of salvation found in the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

The rest of humanity just cannot comprehend the power of Christ’s blood, for it is a supernatural act on the part of a supernatural working Creator God.

**John 2:11** [NIV] *“This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.”*

Jesus Christ through this miracle introduces us to the supernatural plan God has for the salvation of all humanity.

**Hebrews 2:1-4** [NIV] *“We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.”*

Those who personally heard and saw the miracles of Jesus Christ, included the apostle John.

## 2. The Healing Of The Royal Official's Son

**John 4:46-54** [NIV] *“Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death. “Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders,” Jesus told him, “you will never believe.” The royal official said, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” Jesus replied, “You may go. Your son will live.” The man took Jesus at his word and departed. While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. When he enquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, “The fever left him yesterday at the seventh hour.” Then the father realised that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” So he and all his household believed. This was the second miraculous sign that Jesus performed, having come from Judea to Galilee.”*

This healing was a miracle, the second that Jesus performed in His human ministry on earth.

**Exodus 15:26** [NIV] *“He said, “If you listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you.”*

God introduces Himself as the God who heals us of our physical diseases.

This is one area of life where it is very difficult in this present day society to look to our Creator God for healing of our physical diseases.

God knew that we needed to be reminded that our Creator God is our healer.

We live in a society that looks to its pills, medicines, drugs, health foods, vitamins and doctors of various types for physical healing.

To see and personally experience the healing power of the Creator God today is a privilege I have had as a servant of the true God of the Christian Bible. It is something never forgotten.

## 3. The Healing By The Pool Called Bethesda

**John 5:1-14** [NIV] *“Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie, the blind, the lame, the paralysed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?” “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no-one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” Then Jesus said*

to him, **“Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.”** **At once the man was cured;** he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, **“It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”** But he replied, **“The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”** So they asked him, **“Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”** The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, **“See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.”**

Here in this miracle Jesus Christ is showing two aspects of God’s Plan for humanity, physical and spiritual healing, that is the forgiveness of sins.

**Psalms 103:2-3** [NIV] **“Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,”**

Note the word “all” applied to both physical and spiritual healing.

**James 5:14-15** [NIV] **“Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.”**

**Not** all, but some physical diseases are likened to physical sins in our lives.

The name of this pool, Bethesda, means *“the house of mercy.”*

**2 Corinthians 12:7-10** [NIV] **“To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”** Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

This *“thorn in the flesh”* is **not** specifically defined, but God did **not** heal Paul, but used it to help him realise his total dependency on God for strength to fulfil the work given to him.

**Galatians 6:11** [NIV] **“See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand!”**

*“Large letters.”*

**Philemon 19** [NIV] **“I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back, not to mention that you owe me your very self.”**

Writing with his own hand seems to be unusual for Paul.

Was the blinding that Paul received on the road to Damascus **not** completely healed by God, thus being a constant reminder of his past persecution of God’s Church?

In the end Paul accepted his total dependence of God to accomplish the great task he had received from Jesus Christ. [Read **Acts 9:1-19**]

## 4. Feeding The Five Thousand

**John 6:5-14** [NIV] **“When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming towards him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?”** He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip answered him, **“Eight months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”** Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up, **“Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will**

*they go among so many?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. **Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.** He did the same with the fish. **When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.”** So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. **After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.”***

Jesus was testing the trust Philip had in Him to do the impossible.

Notice more was taken up as excess to needs than there was to start with.

What was Jesus Christ trying to point out with this miracle?

**John 6:35** [NIV] *“Then Jesus declared, **“I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.”***

Jesus will supply all we need and more.

We approach the work given to us to accomplish with little personal strength but Jesus Christ will supply us with all the strength we need and more, through the work of the Holy Spirit within us.

**Revelation 3:8** [NIV] *“I know your deeds. See, **I have placed before you an open door that no-one can shut.** I know that you have little strength, yet **you have kept my word and have not denied my name.”***

Christ opens doors for us to go through and keeps them open, if we keep His Word, the Christian Bible, and **not** deny Him as our Saviour and Master.

**John 15:5-8** [NIV] *“I am the vine; you are the branches. **If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.** If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. **This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”***

When Jesus Christ provides all this strength, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, He and the Father God, expect us to produce much fruit as part of our proof that we are His disciples.

Always remember when we are seeking to do God’s work we **cannot** look to physical circumstances. For the work we do is always the result of God’s supernatural intervention and power.

## **5. Walking On Water**

**John 6:16-21** [NIV] *“When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. When they had rowed three or three and a half miles, **they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified.** But he said to them, “It is I; don’t be afraid.” Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and **immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.”***

There is **no** physical explanation for Jesus Christ walking on the water or for the ship suddenly arriving at its destination.

**Matthew 14:25-31** [NIV] *“During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” **“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”** “Come,” he said.*

*Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus. **But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”** Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. **“You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”***

Why did the impetuous Peter fail to follow his Master’s example?

A lack of faith in the supernatural that God constantly uses to fulfil the work He has set out to accomplish.

What is Jesus pointing out through this miracle?

**When we face an impossible problem in doing the work that God has given us, don’t limit our vision to the physical facts or circumstances.**

**Luke 1:37** [NIV] *“For nothing is impossible with God.”*

The birth of Jesus Christ the Son of God as a human being was physically impossible.

**Matthew 17:20** [NIV] *“He replied, “Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, **if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.**”*

If needs be, God will move what seems like a mountain in our lives.

**Matthew 19:26** [NIV] *“Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”*

In this case it was a person overcoming their dependence on riches to follow Jesus Christ.

I often wonder if this young man did in the end see what was being offered to him by Jesus Christ and became one of His disciples.

The Creator God is in total control of the whole universe that He has created and maintains; nothing is too big a problem for Him to handle.

**Read this miracle, believe it and live by what it tells us.**

## **6. Sight Given To A Man Born Blind**

**John 9:1-3** [NIV] *“As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, **“Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”** “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, **“but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.”***

Notice that this man was **not** responsible for his blindness, he could not help it.

God was responsible, He had allowed it to happen.

We have to lift this physical healing of blindness to a spiritual level.

**Isaiah 6:8-10** [NIV] *“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, **“Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”** And I said, **“Here am I. Send me!”** He said, **“Go and tell this people: “Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.”** Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.”*

Isaiah was given a task by God to tell the people about their Creator God, but was told that the people had been made deaf and blind to this message, by God Himself.

- a) All of us are spiritually blinded from birth.
- b) All have a nature that is hostile towards God from birth.
- c) God is responsible for this condition for He has allowed it to happen. Just as this man was born blind.

**Revelation 12:9** [NIV] *“The great dragon was hurled down, that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.”*

God has allowed Satan to deceive and blind, the whole of humanity.

**1 John 5:19** [NIV] *“We know that we are children of God, and that **the whole world is under the control of the evil one.**”*

With the exception of true Christians, all of humanity is under the control of Satan at this time.

All of this work of Satan has been allowed by God for a great purpose.

**John 9:3** [NIV] *“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but **this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.**”*

This is why God has allowed this world to be blinded by Satan, so that God’s work of salvation may be highlighted.

**John 9:4-5** [NIV] *“As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no-one can work. **While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.**”*

Jesus Christ is the one who will, in the Father’s Sovereign time, take away this blindness.

**John 9:6-7** [NIV] *“Having said this, he spat on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. “Go,” he told him, “**wash in the Pool of Siloam**” (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.”*

What was this washing in water symbolic of?

**Ephesians 5:25-27** [NIV] *“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, **cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.**”*

God will use the words of the Christian Bible to “wash away” the blindness that He has allowed Satan to impose on the vast majority of humans.

**Revelation 20:11-12** [NIV] *“Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. **And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened.** Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.”*

All who have lived and died blinded by Satan will be resurrected into a world that is without Satan’s influence [**Revelation 20:1-3**].

The books of The Bible will be opened to their now-seeing eyes, for the first time.

They will all then be judged by their reaction to this restored sight of God's real purpose for all humanity.

**John 9:39-41** [NIV] *"Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains."*

Jesus explains that this bringing sight to those spiritually blind was part of the reason He came to earth as the Son of Man.

Jesus is also indicating that the religious leaders who also were blinded to the truth will be shown that they were blind teachers leading the blind.

## 7. Lazarus Raised From The Dead

**John 11:1, 4-5, 11** [NIV] *"Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha." ... "When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus." ... "After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."*

Why did Jesus delay going to heal his dear friend Lazarus?

This miracle is about the resurrection of the dead which will be at God's appointed time, **not** when we think it should be.

**John 11:21-24** [NIV] *"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."*

Martha knew of this resurrection of the dead, but was **not** associating it directly with Jesus Christ.

**John 11:25-27** [NIV] *"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."*

Martha accepted Jesus as the Christ, the expected Messiah, but still did **not** connect the resurrection to eternal life to Jesus Christ.

**John 11:38-44** [NIV] *"Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days." Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."*

This was **not** the only resurrection that Jesus Christ performed but John selected this as an explicit example of the final part of God's Plan for all humanity.

We have in this miracle an eye-witness report that Jesus Christ does have the power over our lives and our death. A physical example of a spiritual concept.



**All we have to do is to believe what has been demonstrated in these miracles reported in God's Word, the Christian Bible.**

I want to end this article with one more incident in the life of Jesus Christ.

**Mark 9:16-24** [NIV] *“What are you arguing with them about?” he asked. A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.” “O unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.” So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the boy's father, “How long has he been like this?” “From childhood,” he answered. “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.” “If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for him who believes.” Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”*

Undoubtedly this was said with tears and real feeling, a prayer we all should be making often to our Saviour.

**Mark 9:28-29** [NIV] *“After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, “Why couldn't we drive it out?” He replied, “This kind can come out only by prayer.”*

Constant prayer is essential to our maintaining our faith in God.

**Romans 10:17** [NIV] *“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.”*

Also the hearing, reading and asking the Holy Spirit to reveal God's Word, the Christian Bible, to us.

**Luke 17:5-10** [NIV] *“The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you. “Suppose one of you had a servant ploughing or looking after the sheep. Would he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? Would he not rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? Would he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”*

To be a profitable servant of Jesus Christ we have to do **more** than is expected of us, by being totally involved in God's Work now, here on earth.

Then we can have the faith **of** Jesus Christ the Son of Man in our lives.

**Ephesians 2:8-10** [NIV] *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no-one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

Faith **of** Jesus Christ is a gift from God, given so we can receive the power, supernatural power, to do the work He has prepared in advance of our birth for us to perform.

May your faith in God be increased as a result of meditating on what has been presented from God's Word, the Christian Bible, in this article.