Understanding Signs and Wonders
A dispensational understanding to the sign powers of Mark 16

Purpose:
Understanding the dispensational function of signs, wonders, and miracles, specifically those in Mark 16:17-19

Outline:
1. Dispensational functions of signs
   a. Mark 16:17-20 - To confirm a message or a people – to confirm the word
2. Prophets – Prophecy is a shadow of things to come – Col 2:17
   a. Moses is given signs for which to confirm his message - Exodus 4:1-9
      i. Deuteronomy 4:34 – God drew Israel together by signs
      ii. Exodus 15:26 – bitter water, healing
      iii. Exodus 34:10 – marvels shall be performed to see the work of the Lord
      iv. Ezekiel 36:24 – gather from every nation – language
   b. Signs of the kingdom will include marvels and healings - Isaiah 35:5-6
3. Jesus’ Earthly Ministry – Romans 15:8
   a. Matthew 3:1-2 – John preached the kingdom at hand
   b. Luke 7:18-23
      i. Jesus confirms who he is by signs
      ii. Blind see, deaf hear the lame walk…
   c. Matthew 11:2-6
      i. Isaiah 65:17-20 – Rev 21:1-4 – no more death or sorrow
   e. Works were to be a witness of who Jesus was - John 10:25
   f. John 14:11-13 – John 20:30-31 – signs were for the unbeliever
   g. Luke 9:1-3 – they went preaching the gospel
      i. Power over devils
      ii. Healing the sick
   h. Luke 10:1-9 – commissions the twelve with power
      i. 10:7 – eat anything and drink anything
      ii. 10:9 – heal the sick that are therein
      iii. 10:17 – the devils are subject to us
      iv. 10:18-19 – no serpent or scorpion shall hurt you
4. Tribulation and the Coming Kingdom
   a. Matthew 24:21 – great tribulation such as was not since the beginning
   b. Revelation 8:7-8, 10-11 – no trees, bloody water, poisonous water
   c. Revelation 9:1-3, 7-10 – giant beasts from the bottomless pit!
   d. Rev 12:6-10 – Israel gathered increased Satanic activity on the earth
   e. Rev 12:13 – the Devil persecutes the woman
5. BUT NOW…. A hidden purpose
   a. 1 Cor 2:6-7 – the hidden wisdom of God
   b. 1 Cor 1:22-23 – the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom
   c. 1 Cor 13:8-11 – when that which is perfect is come
      i. Gal 4:1-2, 7 – he is a child until the time appointed unto the father
      ii. Eph 3:9-10 – the manifold wisdom of God (Eph 4:11-13)
      iii. 1 Thessalonians 5:1,9 – no need, we are not appointed to wrath