

IDENTIFIED BY SIGNS FOLLOWING

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Since Adam, God has always identified himself with miracles, signs and wonders; particularly when working with faithful people. Most miracles are not the type that people always want to see, but that choice has always been His... not ours. God introduced the power of the spirit into the temple with miraculous displays. Similarly he gave the Israelites signs and symbols so they could identify themselves at a natural level as well. God has not changed. Now revealing himself through signs, miracles and wonders as he enters our bodies (the new temple of the Spirit). Like Israel, he now identifies his people through their ability to live a natural and spiritually based life, at the same time. Thus our lives identify and symbolise God's ways and power on earth.

Miracles appeal to all intellects... God's evidence is for all nations. ACT 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. *The evidence is available to all. However, it is more convenient for many to ignore what they don't want to see or hear.*

What is this we are hearing... what does this mean? ACT 2:8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? *The proof was facing the people who had rejected Christ... the signs worked.*

Our testimony is like the flags of Israel, they identify us to others. NUM 1:52 And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, throughout their hosts.

Flags need to be unfurled... unfolded and put into use. PSA 20:5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up (unfurled) our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions. *In like manner; we also need to live a Christian based life, to demonstrate the obvious natural benefits of serving God.*

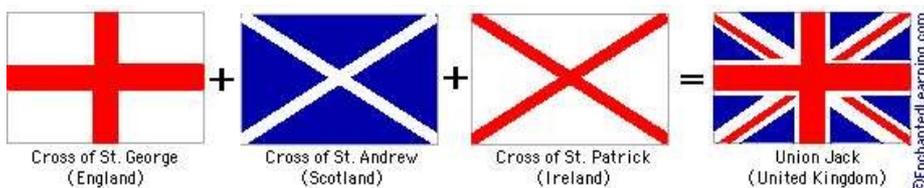
Christians, like flags need wind. They are designed to interact with moving air; otherwise they can't be identified. JOH 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. *The more wind blows the better the flag flies... easier to see and identify.*

The wind needs to keep blowing or the flag will lose its value. 2TIM 1:6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. *This provides ongoing clarity.*

This also provides opportunity. ROM 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed (identified)? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard (understood)? and how shall they hear without a preacher? *How are the unsaved, going to be attracted, if there are no signs or proof?*

Our lifestyle provides spiritual and natural identification... the right way. MAT 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works (natural life), and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

The Union Jack is made up of 3 differing flags... when revealed, the historic reason for its existence is clear for all to see. 1COR 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. *Also, people need to hear the details explained to them. They equally need to identify with our lives. Salvation also comprises three steps to make it complete... repentance, water baptism and Holy Spirit baptism. These three identify the way that God now works on the earth.*



The spiritual and natural combine for victory. REV 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. *The supernatural signs provided by God (which provide the core doctrine of our church), mixed with the natural lifestyle opportunities when empowered by spiritual truth and power... offer the exact type of display that God wants from us. It might be good to ask... how is your flag flying at the moment? Is the wind/spirit moving you?*