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2. There was a spiritual impact
3. There was an eternal impact

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2. It was done in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ
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6. It authenticated the apostles as messengers of God

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2. Miracles in the New Testament were a primary means of authenticating the credibility of the messengers
3. God's apparent purpose for the gift of healing has been fulfilled

Lessons we must Learn:

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