

Acts of the Apostles 3:1-16 __ Lesson 10

Peter in the Temple

1. Acts 2:47 – Review

- a. His church will be built on this rock: Peter’s confession - Matt 16:16-18
- b. Peter is the one preaching at Pentecost and in the temple confessing Christ.
- c. Acts 2:47 – The church here is called out of the “untoward generation” of Israel
- d. The church today is not called out of Israel, but out of all the world –Ac 9:15, Ro 1:5

2. Acts 3:1-6 – Peter in the Temple

- a. *“the hour of prayer”* - acc. the law, sacrifices, and prayer schedules
- b. Catholics call it Divine Office, or Liturgy of the Hours - Ps 55:17, Ps 119:164, Da 6:10
- c. The same hour Christ died after three hours of darkness – Matt 27:45-46
- d. *“asked an alms”* – which Jesus instructed them to give to the poor – Luke 12:33
- e. *“silver and gold have I none”* – you’ll never hear Ben, Ken, Creflo, or Frank say this

3. Acts 3:7-12 – The Lame Healed

- a. *“immediately”* – this was a man born lame, not suffering from a strained ankle
- b. *“in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth”* – Note the “Christ” in this name - Jo 20:31
- c. This was done in public, a complete immediate healing, with obvious results to all
- d. More than this, it fulfilled prophecy – Isaiah 35:1-8, Matt 11:2-5
- e. Israel w/o Christ was lame and could not enter in, but Peter was daily in the temple
- f. *“all the people saw him walking... and they knew”* = a problem for modern healing
- g. This miracle could not be denied – Acts 4:16, the first recorded healing
- h. *“why marvel? ... as though by our own... holiness”* – it wasn’t super-spirituality

4. Acts 3:13-16 – Through Faith in His Name

- a. Peter’s explanation is all about “who Jesus is”, his name, his authority, his power
- b. *“glorified his Son Jesus”, “the Holy One and the Just”, “the Prince of life”*
- c. At the same time, he condemns Israel for “delivering”, “denying”, “desiring a murderer” instead, and “killing the Prince of life” (this is not good news of Gal 6:14)
- d. Before Israel can receive forgiveness, they must know they are guilty of his name.
- e. What healed him? The name/power/position of the Holy One, the Prince of Life (John 17:3-4)... through faith by the man in the name of Jesus Christ.
- f. Jesus also said, *“thy faith hath made thee whole”* - Mk 5:34, Mk 10:52, Mt 9:28-29
- g. Every sickness and disease was healed b/c the kingdom was preached – Mt 9:35
- h. Not one of these faith healings did people have faith in Christ’s finished work on the cross, which should cause great concern in pursuing the Pentecostal pattern
- i. Can God heal? Yes, but will he heal? We have a better hope than healing now.
- j. We have a hope that makes not ashamed by the sufficient and complete standing we have in grace through the crosswork of Christ – Rom 5:1-5