

JESUS AND HIS ACTS THROUGH YOU

The book of Acts study

Part 2

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"I can guarantee this truth; those who believe in me will do these things that I am doing. They will do greater things because I am going to the Father."

John 14:12 (GW)

Acts Chapter 3 highlights:

- Peter and John go to the temple to pray at 3:00 in the afternoon
- They meet a man begging at the beautiful gate – one of the 9 gates at the temple
- Peter offers the man healing in the name of Jesus instead of coins
- The man is instantly healed who has been lame since birth – over 40 years
- Peter emphasizes he cannot heal but the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob has done this to bring glory to His son Jesus
- Peter uses this opportunity to share the Gospel with the Jews at the temple
- Peter asks the Jews to:
 - Repent** – Sorry to God for all the bad things done, change thinking, change living
 - God will forgive your sins** – Word here has idea to wipe off ink from a page
 - God will give you times of refreshing** from the Holy Spirit
 - God has sent Jesus and is holding him in heaven** until the times of restoration of all things

Some things we learn from Acts chapter 3:

1. Prayer is a **most important** part of Jesus's church and ministry for us.

"They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers." Acts 1:14 (NIV)

"They devoted themselves to...prayer." Acts 2:42 (NIV)

"One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer – at three in the afternoon." Acts 3:1 (NIV)

"When they heard this they raised their voices in prayer to God." Acts 4:24 (NIV)

2. Being filled and refilled with the Holy Spirit gives us the power to be effective for Jesus.

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." Acts 2:4 (NIV)

"After they prayed the place where they were meeting was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they spoke the word of God boldly."

Acts 4:31 (NIV)

3. Being filled with the Holy Spirit and Jesus name brings the healing ministry of Jesus to people.

"Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Acts 3:6 (NIV)

"Now Lord...Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." Acts 4:30 (NIV)

4. The Holy Spirit empowers us to bring the message of the Gospel with boldness and great effect.

"Those that accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day." Acts 2:41 (NIV)

"But many that heard the message believed; so that the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand." Acts 4:4 (NIV)