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Church – The Beginnings, Part 8

Healing at the Temple – Acts 3:1 – 4:4 - Part 1



Solomon's Porch



Beautiful Gate

1. The Early Church in Jerusalem was completely Jewish, yet Messianic (no Gentiles allowed, yet)

They still went to the Temple for Prayer, Alms, etc.

(see Acts 2:46-47)

They were Israeli, Hebrew, Jewish →

Jesus is still Jewish/Israeli/Hebrew

9th hour of Prayer = 3pm

They still kept this ... and God used it as an opportunity

2. Miraculous Community of Faith – God Performing Miracles through the Apostles

– it is always **RELATED** to the **GOSPEL**, always.

(compare Acts 2:43; 4:33; Acts 5:12-16;

Galatians 3:1-5; Hebrews 2:1-4; John 14:12)

Galatians 3:5 - So then, does He who provides you with the Spirit and **WORKS MIRACLES AMONG** you, do it by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?

This implies that God does miracles among us, well beyond the presence of “Apostles” (capital A, apostles)
Miracles point to us to Christ – and confirms His Word



Reading Acts 3 – two catholic cardinals were talking about this passage while walking through St. Peters Basilica in Rome. One of them said, “Well, we can’t say that we don’t have any silver and gold anymore.” – the other cardinal said, “Yes, that is true. But neither can we can say, ‘Rise and Walk and be healed ...’” – sad but true.

3. This man was born lame. There is no national, public welfare/disability like we have today. There were funds built into the National Tithes (yearly tithes) that should pay for some relief, but because of corruption, not much made it down to those in need. He was placed there to beg from a very early age. Jesus, more than likely passed him and he was not healed. The apostles passed him daily ...

So, why that day, that time?

(see verses 1 thru 10)

Why does God seem to heal some and not others?



4. God's Miracle of healing this man who was lame from birth led to the Gospel being Presented.

This miracle caused many to come and see this formerly lame man leaping for joy.

This is just like the miracle in Acts 2 ... same pattern of God's Powerful Miracles (irrefutable, undeniable miracles) that led to the Presentation of the Gospel and sinners being saved by Jesus Christ.

a. God's Intervention and Drawing Power is always First

b. then the Church must use all opportunities to Present the Gospel

c. and then God does the Saving → therefore, God get's the Credit for all of it.

5. The Gospel Presentation in the Israeli, Hebrew, Jewish context relies heavily upon Messianic Prophecy → (see verse 18) Peter uses Old Testament Messianic Prophecy (as he did in Acts 2) to Prove that Jesus of Nazareth is the long-awaited Messiah – with His Mission to Forgive sins.

Why did God bring the Gospel of Christ (the Good News of Israel's Messiah) to Israel First? → Promises to Abraham (see Acts 3:18-26 – also see Romans 1:16-17)

We must know the Social-Cultural Context of the folks we are sharing the Gospel to, so the it makes sense to them. Those Prophecies would make no sense to Gentiles at the time (see Acts 17 to see how Paul addressed Gentiles)

6. Peter calls the hearers of the Gospel to Repent and Turn (or Return) ... (vs 19)

What did Peter bring up that the hearers were involved in (Acts 3:12-17) → They Condemned Jesus to the Cross

“Crucify Him, Crucify Him ... give us Barabbas ...”

Why do sinners need to Repent? What does it mean to Repent?
(ref.: Romans 2:4)

- a. It is an act of the WILL – to change my MIND about something (change of heart, as well - the sinner is called upon to agree with God about who God is, about our sinful state, etc.)**
- b. Repentance is a part of becoming Humble (turn / return / u-turn) (James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5 → “God Gives GRACE to the Humble”)**
- c. It is the First Part of Personally Trusting in Christ for Salvation (Acts 20:18-21)**

**Let's Worship God ... Because of Who He is,
For What He has done, and What He is Yet
to do → He is the GREAT GOD, ALMIGHTY
WHO HAS ALL CONTROL OVER THE
WHOLE UNIVERSE and TIME...**

**ALL POWERFUL ALMIGHTY GOD
The GOD of ISRAEL**

