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Church – The Beginnings, Part 9

Healing at the Temple – Acts 3:1 – 4:4 - Part 2



1. **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**

2. This man was born lame. **The Healing was known to all** **(Acts 3:8-10)**

This was a genuine, physical, real, irrefutable,
undeniable Miracle of Healing



3. 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.

4. 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)

5. Presenting the Gospel of Christ, even if God uses an IRREFUTABLE, UNDENIABLE Miracle – it can still lead to Persecution of some of kind (Acts 4:1-3)

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a. That it would bring God's Eternal Blessings (Matthew 5:10-12)

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. ¹² Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for GREAT is your REWARD in HEAVEN, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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¹⁶ “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and gentle as doves. ...

²⁷ Whatever I tell you in the dark, SPEAK in the light; and what you hear in the ear, PREACH on the housetops. ²⁸ And DO NOT FEAR those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather FEAR HIM who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. ... ³¹ DO NOT FEAR therefore ...

³² Therefore whoever CONFESSES Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. ³³ But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

³⁷ He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁸ And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁹ He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

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d. Yet, if we don't give up, God will provide a Fruitful Harvest

Galatians 6:9

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in DUE SEASON we shall REAP if we DO NOT lose heart.

Acts 4:4 → However, many of those who HEARD THE WORD BELIEVED; and the number of the men came to be about FIVE THOUSAND.

6. Persecution usually happens because **The Gospel of Christ** (when embraced and believed) destroys the control of the “powers that be” over sinful people outside of Christ (that “control” keeps the people in spiritual blindness and in bondage to sin) – Acts 4:1-4

“being **GREATLY DISTURBED** that they taught the people and preached in **Jesus the RESURRECTION from the dead**” Acts 4:2 – their **Motivation**

Peter and John knew that the Jewish Religious/Political Party of the Sadducees hated the Biblical Doctrine of the Resurrection – Yet they Preached “**Jesus and the Resurrection**” anyways. They did not cower or try to be Politically Correct or “walk on eggs shells” to avoid any confrontations. They simply Trusted and Obeyed God and Preached the Gospel of Christ.

This should give us **COURAGE** to be **BOLD**, Wise and Gentle with Spreading the Gospel of Christ, no matter what.

**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**

