

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 2:38-39

“Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

Acts 3:19

“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...”

Acts 4:12

“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved”

Acts 3 Outline

- Lame man healed
 - Vs. 1-10
- Peter's sermon
 - Vs. 11-26

Peter's Sermon – Acts 3

- Occasion: amazement at the miracle done
 - Miracle not by apostles' own power or godliness
- God glorified His Servant Jesus
 - This God is the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob; the God of our fathers
 - You killed the Holy One, the Just One, the Prince of Life
 - God raised Him from the dead
 - The apostles are witnesses of His resurrection
- The lame man healed through (apostles') faith in Jesus' name
- Jesus fulfilled the things God foretold by the prophets, thus identifying Him as the Christ (vs. 18)

Peter's Sermon – Three lines of evidence

- Jesus' resurrection, of which the apostles were witnesses (verse 15)
- The miracle they had just witnessed (verse 16)
- Fulfilment of prophecy (verses 19-26)

What does God expect these hearers to do?

- Repent
- Be converted (“turn again”, ASV)
 - That your sins may be blotted out
- Why?
 - So that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord and that He may send Jesus Christ

Acts 2:38 and Acts 3:19

Acts 2:38	Acts 3:19
Repent	Repent
Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ	Be converted Rom 6:4, 17-18 Jn 3:5 Gal 3:27 Col 1:13-14; 2:11-13
For the remission of sins	That your sins may be blotted out
Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit	Times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord Acts 3:25-26

“...whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things...” (Acts 3:21)

- God has spoken this by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began
 - This includes what Moses said in Deut 18
 - This includes what Samuel said (2 Sam 7:12-16)
 - They were foretelling *these days* (verse 24)
 - c.f. Acts 2:16 “but this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel...”
- You are sons of the prophets and of the covenant made to Abraham to bless all the families of the earth (Gen 12:3)
- God sent His Servant Jesus to bless you in turning away every one of you from your iniquities
 - c.f. Acts 2:21

Acts 2:38 and Acts 3:19

- Consider Gal 3:8, 14, 22, 26-29
 - 3:8 – And the Scripture, *forseeing that God would* justify the nations by faith, *preached* the gospel to Abraham *beforehand*, saying, “In you *all the nations* shall be *blessed*.”
 - 3:14 – a *blessing* that would come upon the *Gentiles in Christ Jesus*, that we might *receive the promise of the Spirit* through faith
 - 3:22 – ...that the *promise by faith in Jesus Christ* might be *given* to those who believe
 - 3:26-29 – For *you* are all sons of God through *faith in Jesus Christ*. For *as many of you* as were *baptized into Christ* have put on Christ.
- Ax 2:38-39
 - Repent and let every one of you be *baptized in the name of Jesus Christ* for the *remission of sins*, and you shall *receive the gift of the Holy Spirit*. For the *promise* is to *you* and to *your children*, and to *all who are afar off*, as many as the Lord our God will call.
- Ax 3:19
 - Repent therefore and *be converted*, that your *sins may be blotted out*, so that *times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord*, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was *preached to you before*
- Ax 3:25-26
 - *You* are sons of the prophets, and of *the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ To you first*, God, having *raised up His Servant Jesus*, sent Him to *bless you*, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities

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- Acts 3:21 is speaking of the days taking place in Acts 3, as well as into the future....
- Until this time:
 - I Cor 15:23-26
 - Rev 22:14
- The gospel restores man's relationship with God
- The times of restoration = the gospel age

All Must Hear Christ

- Acts 3:22-26
- Deut 18:15-19
 - Jews familiar with this prophecy; John 1:21
- Moses & Jesus, both:
 - Prophets
 - Lawgivers
 - Deliverers
 - Confirmed with miracles
 - Led to promised land of rest
- Consequence of not listening to Jesus?
 - Be destroyed
 - c.f. Heb 1:1-2; 2:1-4

Peter's Preaching

- Preached Christ
- Courageous
 - Verse 13 – “you delivered up”
 - Verse 14 – “you asked for a murderer to be granted to you”
 - Verse 15 – “you killed”
 - Verse 17 – “you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers”
- Commanded repentance and obedience
- Addressed what the people needed to hear
- Appealed to Scripture

Acts 4 - Outline

- Verses 1-22
 - Apostles arrested
- Verses 23-31
 - Apostles' prayer
- Verses 32-37
 - The common fund