

The Power of Jesus' Name

A Brief Study of Acts Chapter Three

I. Key passage: Acts 3:12, 16

1. *And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? ...And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.*

- a. Whenever we are given the right to use someone's name then we are representing them in their character and authority. The church has been given by Jesus the authority to use His Name in accomplishing His purposes.

2. There are some in the church who believe that the apostles had special powers given to them to work miracles. Based on the passage above, is this true or false? Explain your answer: _____

3. What was the key element needed to use the Name of Jesus in bringing about the miracle that was wrought? _____

II. The Background of the whole story – Acts 3:1-11

1. Where were Peter and John going when they encountered this man? _____

2. What was their purpose? _____

3. What does this say about one's commitment to attend various church functions? _____

4. When they came across someone in desperate need, what did they do? _____

- a. **Note:** Quite often when we are in a rush to be at a certain function and we don't want to be late, we can become easily annoyed by any inconvenience such as a person in need of help. However, it behooves us to learn from examples of men who embraced God's character, which is one that desires to help the helpless.

5. Notice that Peter and John had no money to offer this man. What were they able to offer him? _____

- a. We often believe that we cannot help others because we don't have thousands of dollars to give away. However God has given everyone something that they can contribute to the good of others.

6. What does the use of Jesus' Name in bringing about the healing of this lame man tell us about God's nature and character? _____

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- a. Hint: Look at Matt. 14:14; 20:34; Mark 1:40-42
 - b. Has God's character or nature changed in any way since the time of the event recorded in Acts chapter three? _____
 - c. If God no longer does such things today as some theologians would tell us, then what does this say about the Name of Jesus? _____
 - d. What does it say about God's character if He no longer does these things today? _____

7. Read Acts 3:8. Was there an act of faith that the lame man had to take? Explain your answer:

8. What effect did the healing of this man have on the people who saw it? How is their reaction to this healing applicable to us today? _____

9. How does the truth about the Name of Jesus apply to you and your everyday circumstances? When you are sick? When you are faced with attacks from the enemy? How about when we are attempting to minister to and help others? _____