

DISCIPLESHIP IS PERSONAL  
NOT PRIVATE!

ACTS 2:42

PUBLIC GATHERING  
OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Fellowship of the Believers

COMMUNION SERMONS

<sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

The Lame Beggar Healed

<sup>3</sup> Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. <sup>2</sup> And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. <sup>3</sup> Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. <sup>4</sup> And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." <sup>5</sup> And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. <sup>6</sup> But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" <sup>7</sup> And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. <sup>9</sup> And all the people saw him walking and praising God, <sup>10</sup> and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the

WELL-KNOWN  
SEE V. 9 "RECOGNIZE"

SEE V. 12-13  
NOT A "MABLE"  
NAME. IT IS JESUS  
WORKING IN & THROUGH  
THOSE HE SENDS.

→ V. 42 = "CHURCH!"

V. 45: HOW WE LOVE & CARE FOR EACH OTHER AS DISCIPLES/CHURCH FIRST, IS HOW WE TESTIFY TO GOD'S LOVE. THE WORLD SHOULD SEE HOW WE LOVE EACH OTHER AS FELLOW CHRISTIANS FIRST AND SEE JESUS.

V. 46/47: "DAY BY DAY" IS NOT A "SUNDAY ONLY" FAITH LIFE.

→ JOHN 13:35

### CHAPTER 3

V. 5-6 "EXPECTING TO RECEIVE..." THIS MAN GOT FAR MORE THAN HE EXPECTED OR THOUGHT WAS POSSIBLE SO HAVE WE ALL!

WE TOO OFTEN LEAVE GOD'S BIGGER/ETERNAL GIFTS UNOPENED AND UNREALIZED BECAUSE WE ARE EXPECTING "SILVER & GOLD" OR WHATEVER OUR CURRENT MOST PRESSING TEMPORAL NEED IS.

V. 7 "TOOK HIM BY HAND" - STANDS OUT FOR SOME REASON. MAYBE IT IS THE IMPORTANCE & SIGNIFICANCE OF WORD & ACTION ON OUR PART WHEN SHARING JESUS.

AGAIN, WE SEE GOD WORKING IN THE MIDDLE OF AN ACTIVE LIFE OF DEVOTION & WORSHIP.

THE PHYSICAL HEALING WAS TO SERVE THE SPIRITUAL HEALING

temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Peter Speaks in Solomon's Portico

<sup>11</sup> While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's.

<sup>12</sup> And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup> But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup> and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup> And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup> "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup> But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.

<sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup> that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup> whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. <sup>22</sup> Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. <sup>23</sup> And it shall be that every soul

V. 6; 12-13 "IN THE NAME OF JESUS... POWER PIETY... GLORIFIED HIS SERVANT JESUS"

↳ SHOWS THAT GOD WORKS HIS POWER THROUGH HIS SPIRIT IN APOSTLES TO GLORIFY JESUS AND NOT THE APOSTLES.

IT WAS NOT THE APOSTLES' PIETY, OR "SUPER" FAITH... OR POWER... BUT JESUS WORKING HIS WILL AT HIS TIME UNIQUELY THROUGH THE APOSTLES AT THIS TIME.

THE POWER IS ONE OF FAITH, AND NOT THE FAITH "OF" PETER OR THE LAME MAN, BUT BOTH OF THEIR FAITH IN JESUS.

V:16

↳ AND THIS FAITH ITSELF IS NOT FROM PETER OR THE LAME MAN BUT A FAITH THROUGH JESUS.

V. 17-18 "IGNORANCE... FULFILLED" - THE ALLOWABLE TIME OF IGNORANCE IS NOW OVER WITH THE PROCLAMATION OF JESUS' GOSPEL

C.F. JOHN 9:41

WHAT/WHO DID IT?

FAITH IS FROM JESUS.

REPENTANCE BRINGS REFRESHMENT.

↓  
ASCENSION

who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.' <sup>24</sup> And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days.

<sup>25</sup> You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' <sup>26</sup> God, having raised up his servant sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness."

SINGULAR  
↓  
SERVANT

#### Peter and John Before the Council

**4** And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup> greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup> And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup> But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup> On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup> And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup> This

V: 24 "ALL THE PROPHETS... THESE DAYS"

• THE GOD OF THE O.T. IS NOT A DIFFERENT GOD OR THE SAME GOD ACTING DIFFERENTLY THAN HE DOES IN THE N.T.

• SAME GOD, SAME FAITH, AND SAME JESUS THROUGHOUT.

C.F. MATT 5:17  
JOHN 5:39  
MARK 7:6

OT? NT = JESUS!

V: 26: BLESS = TURNING FROM WICKEDNESS

↳ SEE V. 19-20 "REFRESH" ≠ REPENT

ACTS 11:18