

# **PETER'S MESSAGE**

## **Acts 3**

**Peter's message began with offering help and hope to one needy man**

### **I. THE OPPORTUNITY** (1-11)

#### **A. DUE TO PERSONAL INTERACTION** (1-8)

1. During a daily routine (1)
2. Seeing a need (2-4)
3. Offering help (5-7)

- Note: Today we cannot do miracle things, but we can participate in marvelous things

4. Watching God work (8)

#### **B. THERE WAS PUBLIC INTEREST** (9-11)

1. They saw the lame walking (9-10)
2. They sought answers for their amazement (11)

### **II. THE EXPLANATION** (12-16)

- Tell what happened

#### **A. THIS IS NOT ABOUT OUR POWER** (12)

- Divert the attention away from yourself

#### **B. THIS IS ALL ABOUT JESUS** (13-16)

1. The servant of God (13a, 15b)
  - Glorified and raised by God
2. The One you rejected (13b-15a)
  - a. You delivered and disowned Christ (13b)
  - b. You refused the Messiah and received a murderer (14)
  - c. You killed the Prince of life (15a)
3. The object of faith for the healed man (16)
  - a. He knew the name and nature of Jesus
  - b. He placed faith in that name
  - c. He was changed by that name

**C. SUMMARY:** God's glorified servant, Jesus, healed the lame man who placed faith in His name

### III. **THE APPLICATION** (17-26)

- What about their condition? What options do they have?

#### A. IF YOU REPENT YOU CAN BE CLEANSED (17-19b)

1. The call: And now brethren (17a)
2. The conditions
  - a. Acknowledge your sinful actions (17b-18)
  - b. Repent: Change your mind about what you've done (19a)
  - c. Return: Reconsider Christ > turn back to the One you previously turned from (19a)
3. The cleansing (19b)
  - Their sins can be eliminated, blotted out and cancelled - See Col. 2:13-14

#### B. IF YOU BELIEVE YOU CAN HAVE HOPE (19c-21)

1. The Promise
  - a. Refreshing will come (19c)
  - b. Jesus the Christ will return (20-21)
2. The Peace
  - You have hope in your future (and not Hell)

#### C. IF YOU LISTEN YOU CAN AVOID DESTRUCTION (22-24)

1. The Pleas (22, 24)
  - a. Heed the One that Moses predicted (22)
  - b. Heed all the prophets who announced these days (24)
2. The Peril (23)
  - The unheeding shall be utterly destroyed

#### D. IF YOU UNDERSTAND YOU CAN BE TRANSFORMED (25-26)

1. Your privilege (25)
2. God's priority (26a)
3. Your purification (26b)
  - Every individual one of them can be turned from their wicked ways

### **CONCLUSION: Peter's message should inspire our message**

1. *Watch for opportunities* (1-11)
2. *Focus on Jesus* (12-16)
  - a. The life-changing One
  - b. The One in whose name you must place faith to be saved
3. *Provide Instructions* (17-26)
  - a. Don't leave people hanging without hope
  - b. Tell them how to have what you and others have

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