

WINTER QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2017-2018
THEME – GENUINE FAITH IS EVIDENCED BY OUR ACTIONS
UNIT I – FAITH IN CHRIST DEMONSTRATED BY THE EARLY SAINTS

**“FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST RESTORES PHYSICAL
AND SPIRITUAL BROKENNESS”**



Sunday School Lesson No. I - December 3, 2017

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An overview of unit one from Precepts for Living: “This first section contains five lessons that reveal what the early leaders proclaimed about living our faith in Christ. The Scripture sections in Acts report several examples of social welfare ministry and evangelism in spite of opposition.

The lesson in Ephesians teaches about faith that leads to unity in the body of Christ. The Christmas session gives an account of the wise men (Magi) who faithfully searched for the Newborn King of the Jews.”

LESSON ONE

Lesson Text: Acts 3:11-21

Required Reading: Acts 1 – 3

Memory Text: Acts 3:16, “*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.*”

Reliable Resources: Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Precepts for Living (UMI); Standard Commentary; Word Search 10 Electronic Library; Insight’s Bible Application Guide: New Testament by Dr. Charles R. Swindoll; The Formation of the Church by Dr. David Jeremiah

INTRODUCTION

Beloved, at the place called Solomon’s Porch or Colonnade, God allows Peter and John to offer a message of restoration and healing physically to a lame man, and spiritually to a lame and obstinate people!

It was during the Jewish hour of Prayer at 3 p.m. (Acts 3:1), that God would allow Peter and John to perform a miracle for a lame man at the Temple gate called Beautiful. The man was laid daily at the gate to beg. This was a picture of a nation who was blinded to the arrival and exiting of their Messiah. Now they, as lame spiritually as the man was physically, were about to be offered a great awakening that was much needed! The lame man who asked for a hand-out received a hand-up! Now as he entered the Temple, leaping, walking, and praising God, Peter seizes the moment to declare the good news, that “**Faith in Jesus Christ Restores Physical and Spiritual Brokenness!**”

Anticipated Power Points:

Faith in Jesus Christ Restores Physical and Spiritual Brokenness...

- **Through the Meaning of the Miracle. Acts 3:11-13**
- **Through the Message of the Miracle. Acts 3:14-16**
- **Through the Messiah of the Miracle. Acts 3:17-21**

LESSON OUTLINE

Faith in Jesus Christ Restores Physical and Spiritual Brokenness through the...

I. Meaning of the Miracle. Acts 3:11-13

The meaning of this miracle was to first fulfill four characteristics of Biblical authenticity according to Dr. David Jeremiah...“First, it was as a result of God’s sovereign choice. Second, it glorified Jesus Christ. Third, it was instantaneous. And fourth, it was complete.”

Secondly, it was to bring to the attention of all from the heads of the Israelites, to the weakest follower, that Jesus Christ alone is God’s Sovereign Messiah! Acts 4:12 (NKJV), “*Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*”

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II. Message of the Miracle. Acts 3:14-16

Peter opens his mouth with the living witness of the healed man and the Amen of his fellow Apostle John to deliver God’s awesome truth in the power of the Holy Spirit! Four things are declared according to the highlights of Dr. David Jeremiah:

- “The Jews Delivered up the Son. v. 13b
- They Denied the ‘Holy One and the Just. v. 14a
- They Desired a Murderer. Matthew 27:21
- They Destroyed the Prince of Life. v. 15”

But praise the Lord, God the Father Almighty resurrected Jesus from the dead!

Verse 15 – Peter, John and the formerly lame man stood as witnesses of Jesus’ deity and deliverance.

In verse 16, Peter declares that through faith in the Name (Person and Authority) of Jesus Christ, the formerly lame man stood in the court of human opinion as God’s star witness for the defense!

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III. Messiah of the Miracle. Acts 3:17-21

As we read verses 17-21, we receive this quote from Insight’s Bible Application Guide: New Testament by Dr. Charles Swindoll, “In Acts 3:17-21, Peter presented the Jews with the ultimate possibility: to usher in the restoration of all things, culminating with the return and reign of Christ. ‘Repent and return’ had been the major theme of the prophets (Isaiah 30:15; Jeremiah 3:12; Ezekiel 14:6; Zechariah 1:3; Matthew 3:2), but again and again, the Jews refused to return. Now, the generation who witnessed the ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus had the chance to repent, return to God, and usher in the millennial kingdom. Sadly, like their ancestors, there were many in Peter’s audience who forfeited the opportunity for reconciliation with the Lord, and the world to this day grinds on, groaning for redemption. Unconfessed sin separates; repentance reconciles. Every day that we decide to sit stubbornly in our sin, we forfeit living in peace and fellowship with God. Choose the refreshing that comes from peace with God.”

CLOSING

Psalms 95:6-7 (NKJV), “*Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand.*”

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LOOKING AHEAD: December 10, 2017 Acts 13:1-12

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