

LEARNING WITH LUKE - ACTS 3:11-26 **TIME TO BLOT OUT** P.1082 PEW BIBLE

Acts 3:17-26 - "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. **Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out**, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, 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... 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.' God...sent Him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness."

As God raised up Christ Jesus, so He did the lame man as Peter 'raised him up,' as a sign of resurrection. Jesus is not only the object of trust, He is also the initiator of our faith, as faith comes through Him (Acts 3:16). -DE Johnson

1- Jesus DELIVERS as promised - risen sovereign

Acts 3:6-16 - *miraculous healing*

Isaiah 42:1-9, 49:1-7, 50:4-9, 52:13-53:12 - *servant of the Lord*

John 1:3-4, 12-13, 14:6, Col 1:15-23, Heb 2:14-15, 1Jn 5:11-12 - *author of life*

Peter says the congenital cripple was healed by faith in the name of Jesus, the one you denied and delivered to death, the promised Servant of the Lord, the Holy and Righteous One, the Author of Life, whom God has exalted. -RC Sproul

2- Human ACTIONS explained - responsibility

Acts 3:17-18 - *you & your rulers*

1 Cor 2:8, 1 Tim 1:13-14 - *ignorance*

Mark 2:22-30, Heb 6:4-6 - *defiance*

Luke 24:26,27, 44-48, Acts 2:22,23, 4:27,28 - *decreed*

Paradoxically, their hope of rescue from the judgment they deserved lay in the fact that the bloodshed they committed in guilty ignorance, was in fact planned in God's sovereign grace, and predicted through the holy prophets. Hearers are responsible to turn to God, but can not unless the Christ they spurned mercifully turns them around. -DE Johnson

3- God's PROMISES will be kept - restoration

Acts 3:19-21, Rev 20:12, Col 2:14 - *blotted*

Ps 103:12, Isa 43:25, 44:22, 50:1,53:5 - *removed*

Isaiah 32:15, 44:3, 59:21, Joel 2:28-32 - *refreshing*

Acts 1:6-8, 1 Cor 15:20-28, 2 Pet 3:8-13 - *reconstitution*

As long as you remain impenitent, and refuse to confess your sins before Him, He will not forgive you. -RC Sproul

The language of restoration indicates that the promises are taking place already, as 'all the prophets' have foretold, and will be completed after Christ's return, at the consummation of the kingdom at the end of times. -AJ Thompson

4- God's SERVANT does His will - Lord Jesus Christ

Acts 3:22-26, Eph 3:9-10 - *listen to Him*

Dt 18:15-22, Nm 12:6-8, Lev 23:29, Lk 9:35 - *like Moses*

Gen 22:18, 26:4, Gal 3:7-9, 16, 26-29 - *offspring of Abraham*

Peter points out the danger of rejecting the promised prophet, Jesus, and the witness of all the prophets, who all predicted the Christ and the new covenant age, and God's promises for all the families of the earth. -JB Polhill

5- Your RESPONSE to God's grace? - repentance

Acts 4:1-4 - *5,000 men*

-&- *telling others!*

Acts 3:19,22 - *listen, turn*

Acts 3:6 - *give - faith in Jesus*

We by extension are part of that mob until we cling to Christ like the healed man clung to Peter and John, praying that He will never let us go and that we will not lose our grip on Him, the Holy, Righteous, Prince of Life. -RC Sproul
Promised gifts of repentance and faith, for all who truly believe, extends even to Gentiles. It comes not by resolution of human will, but by asking God to grant it. Let us exalt and proclaim Jesus in all the fulness of His name. -RK Hughes
Do I eagerly hear Him, written and preached? Do I readily repent? Do I gladly share saving faith in Jesus to others?

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9-11 **Acts 3:1-16** - *Jesus heals*

9-12 **Acts 3:17-26** - *Jesus saves*

9-13 **Isa 52:13-53:12** - *Servant*

9-14 **Eph 2:1-10** - *grace thru faith*

9-15 **2 Pet 3:1-18** - *His promise*

9-16 **Gal 3:1-29** - *offspring Christ*

9-17 **Luke 9:28-35** - *listen to Him*

The Spirit of God works the Word of God so the people of God become like the Son of God

♦ How will I be transformed, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey?

ACTS of the
Ascended
Lord Jesus Christ