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Unit III: The Birth of the Church:

has five lessons from the book of Acts. Lesson 9 highlights JESUS CHRIST'S instructions to the disciples for them to wait for the empowering of the Holy Spirit before doing their witnessing. Lesson 10 deals with the celebration of Pentecost, when the disciples were empowered to speak in tongues. Lesson 11 deals with Peter and John healing of the lame man through the power of the Holy Spirit. Lesson 12 spotlights the Holy Spirit, who brought Phillip to the Ethiopian eunuch chariot, where Phillip explained the scriptures. Lesson 13 concludes the unit, where JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF directed Ananias to minister to his enemy, Saul, a newly convert.

Subject: Healing a Man who cannot walk

Text: Acts 3: 1-11

Key Verse:

He leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising GOD (Acts 3: 8, KJV).

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) The Power of HIS Name (Acts 3: 1-8)
- 2) Opportunity Knocks (Acts 3: 9-11)

Introduction

Now in order for the disciples (apostles) to continue JESUS CHRIST'S Mission of compassionately meeting the physical and spiritual needs of those on the margin of society, they needed the help, guidance, and power of the Holy Ghost. Without the Holy Ghost we would be cripple and not knowing the power of JESUS CHRIST in our lives. We would be still in our sins that keeps us on the outside of the blessings of GOD. Here in this lesson we see the miracle of healing in action through Peter and John by the Holy Ghost power of GOD. The cripple man transformation is a spiritual conversion as well physical, which caused him to praise the LORD JESUS CHRIST for HIS amazing grace offered in his life through the Holy Ghost. We are to understand that sin separates us from the LORD JESUS CHRIST and into death; for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of GOD is eternal life through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. The miracle sign of the apostles highlights the glory of JESUS CHRIST, and the blessing of deliverance from sin.

Lesson Pointer # 1

- The Power of HIS Name (Acts 3: 1-8)

The very account of the disabled man's healing opens with Peter and John going up to the Temple. Peter and John were going to the Temple to observe the hour of prayer according to the evening sacrifice (Acts 3: 1). We should always assemble in the Temple (Church House of GOD) with other believers for prayer and worship. Now, by the design of the LORD JESUS CHRIST the disciples encountered a lame man from birth sitting at the Temple gate called Beautiful begging for alms (Acts 3: 2). Now, the lame man was not out of position, because this was a rooted Jewish traditional practice, but this lame man

strategic location to beg for donations was not unusual but of that of a divine appointment. The lame man who were begging called out to Peter and John as they entered the Temple of GOD, asking for alms (Acts 3: 3). The lame man expectation was that of money. Peter and John fasted their eyes on the lame man and demanded the lame man's attention (Acts 3: 4). Now, the lame man eagerly, complied, thinking that his request for money would be fulfilled (Acts 3: 5). Peter and John's response was not what the lame man expected, but instead of silver and gold, Peter and John offered to give the lame man somethings else that is more valuable than money. Peter commanded the lame man to get up and walk in the name of JESUS CHRIST of Nazareth (Acts 3: 6). Peter than took the lame man by the hand and lifted him up, and his feet and ankles were immediately and miraculously strengthened (Acts 3: 7). Now, the lame man required no further assistance from Peter and John. The lame man leaped to his feet, stood up, began to walk, and entered the Temple with Peter and John, walking, leaping, and praising GOD (Acts 3: 8). You see, there is power in the Name of JESUS CHRIST; JESUS is the Savoir, CHRIST is the Anointed One, who has all authority and is in full control. So we are to praise JESUS CHRIST for all that HE has done, and doing, and going to do for us.

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Lesson Pointer # 2

- **Opportunity Knocks (Acts 3: 9-11)**

And all they that were in the Temple saw the lame man walking and praising GOD (Acts 3: 9). And they all knew that it was the lame man who sat at the Beautiful gate of the Temple asking for alms, and they were all filled with amazement and wonder at that which had happen unto him (Acts 3: 10). The lame man visual and undeniable proof that a miracle had happen. GOD purpose for HIS disciples were for them to perform miracles as a sign to attract the people's attention so that the Gospel could be proclaimed to them and validate its authenticity. The healing of the lame man accomplished this very reason. The people who were in the Temple saw the lame man clinging to Peter and John gain their attention and drew them to Solomon's porch, amazed and perplexed (Acts 3: 11). Now the door was open for Peter to preach JESUS CHRIST and to reap an additional harvest of believers (Read Acts 3: 12-26); Acts 4: 4). Now, those who believes that GOD no longer equips the church with power to perform miraculous signs and wonders, is known as Cessationism. GOD is sovereign and immutable (unchanging), and HE is a healer. Now, as believers live righteously and be lead by the Holy Spirit to attract the attention of those who are lost, and point them to JESUS CHRIST for their salvation.

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