

Fair Pentecost Sunshine to Stormy Clouds of Persecution (Acts 3:1-26)

Peter & John go up to the temple to pray; meet a man born lame

Peter heals the man in Jesus' name & preaches a powerful Gospel sermon

I. A Man Born Lame is Healed (3:1-10)

Peter & John went up to the temple at the hour prayer, about the 9th hour

A man born lame was at the gate called Beautiful, begging for alms

Peter looks intently at the man telling him he has no alms, but he has Jesus

He takes man by the hand and helps him up, & he begins leaping/jumping

Holding onto Peter the man enters the temple with them: people marveled

II. The Apostle Peter Preaches to & Admonishes the Crowd (3:11-26)

Peter says to the people, "Why do you marvel at this? We didn't do this"

Jesus of Nazareth did it, Him we honor; you by your actions dishonor

- 1) *You handed him over to be killed*
- 2) *You disowned him before Pilate*
- 3) *You disowned the Holy and Righteous One sought the release of a murderer*
- 4) *You killed the author of life*

Jesus healed the man – if they repented, they'd receive times of refreshing

1. Sin would be blotted out
2. Times of refreshing may come from the Lord (19c)
3. He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before (v.20, 21)
 - i. Moses foretold God would raise up a prophet like him (v.22-25)
 - ii. All the prophets from Samuel have foretold Jesus' day (v.24)
 - iii. Saying to Abraham through your seed: the nations be blessed (v.25)
- To them first God sent His Son, but through them to all the nations (26)