

INTRODUCTION: OVERVIEW

A. CHAPTER 3

1. event: healing (3:1-10)
2. explanation to the people: the Name of Jesus (3:11f; see 6,13-16)
3. exhortation: repent & return (3:19, see 26)

B. CHAPTER 4

1. event: arrest & interrogation (4:1-7)
2. explanation to the leaders: the Name of Jesus (4:10; see 2,7,10,17,18,30)
3. exhortation: be saved (4:10-12; see 13f)

C. SUMMARY: THE NAME OF JESUS (i.e., Person & Work; see 3:13-16,20-26; 4:2,10,25f)

D. POINT: SALVATION IN NO OTHER NAME (4:12; see Jn.6:68; 14:6; Heb.2:3f; 1Tm.2:5; see Ps.146:3)

I. THE ABSOLUTE UNIQUENESS OF THE PERSON OF CHRIST FOR SALVATION

A. THE ONLY IMAGE THAT CASTS THE SHADOWS (see Col.2:7; Heb.8:5; 10:1)

B. THE ONLY SON OF GOD (Jn.1:1,18,29; 3:16,18; see Col.1:19; 2:9; Heb.1:3 /Heb.10:4f; Jn.3:16; Rom.8:32)

C. THE ONLY MEDIATOR OF GOD (1Tm.2:5; Phil.2:5f; Dan.7:13; Rev.1:13; see 2Cor.5:20f)

1. the *only* Prophet of God for man: Moses (Acts 3:22f; see 4:11; Jn.1:1; Heb.1:2; see Acts 3:22)
2. the *only* Priest of God for man: Melchizedek (Heb.5-10)
3. the *only* Sacrifice of God for man: Lamb (Jn.1:29,36; see Heb.9:12f; 10:4f)
4. the *only* King of God for man: David (Acts 3:25f (Ps.2); see 2:24f(Ps.16); 2:30 (Ps.89); 2:34f(Ps.110))

II. THE ABSOLUTE UNIQUENESS OF THE WORK OF CHRIST FOR SALVATION (see I)

A. THE ONLY IMAGE THAT CASTS THE SHADOWS (see Col.2:7; Heb.8:5; 10:1)

B. THE ONLY SAVIOR OUT OF DISOWNED ORPHANS INTO ADOPTED SONS (Gen.3:24; Rom.8:15,23; 9:4; Gal.4:5; Eph.1:5)

C. THE ONLY SAVIOR OUT OF SEPARATION INTO REUNION (Gen.3:24 & Heb.10:19f; Jn.14:6)

1. the *only* Savior out of our ignorance of God into His knowledge of God (Lk10:22; 2C4:6; 2Pt1:2)
2. the *only* Savior out of our alienation from God into His fellowship with God (Rom.5:10f; 2Cor.5:18f; Eph.2:16; Col.1:20f; Jn.17:21)
3. the *only* Savior out of our sin & death into His righteousness & life (Acts26:18; Col.1:13; Eph2:1f; 2C5:21)
4. the *only* Savior out of our helplessness into His hopefulness (Eph.2:1f; 5-7; Acts 3:21)

III. THE ABSOLUTE UNIQUENESS OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST FOR SALVATION!

A. ONE FOR ALL: UNDER HEAVEN; GIVEN AMONG MEN (4:12; see 3:25,26; 2:21; Rom.10:11,13)

B. HOW TO BE SAVED: REPENTANCE & FAITH (3:16,19; 2:21,38f,41; 20:21; Heb.6:1; see Ps.2:12)

C. ONLY ONE ALTERNATIVE (4:12; 3:22,23; see 4:11 w/1Pt.2:7,8; see Ps.2:4f,12)

D. A POWERFUL MOTIVE FOR PERSECUTION (4:2f; 5:27f; 7:54f; 8:1f; etc.; see 4:25f (Ps.2:1f))

E. A POWERFUL MOTIVE FOR BOLDNESS (4:12; 13,29&31 /2Cor.3:12; Eph.6:19,20; 1Th.2:2; Lk.12:4f)

F. SOLAS: BY, THROUGH, IN, ACCORDING TO, FOR [UNTO] (4:12; see Eph.2:5-10,20; 1:6,12,14)

Discussion questions

*How does the world respond to the claim of Acts 4:12? Why? How do we answer these responses?
Brethren, what shall **WE do**? (see Acts 2:37f)*