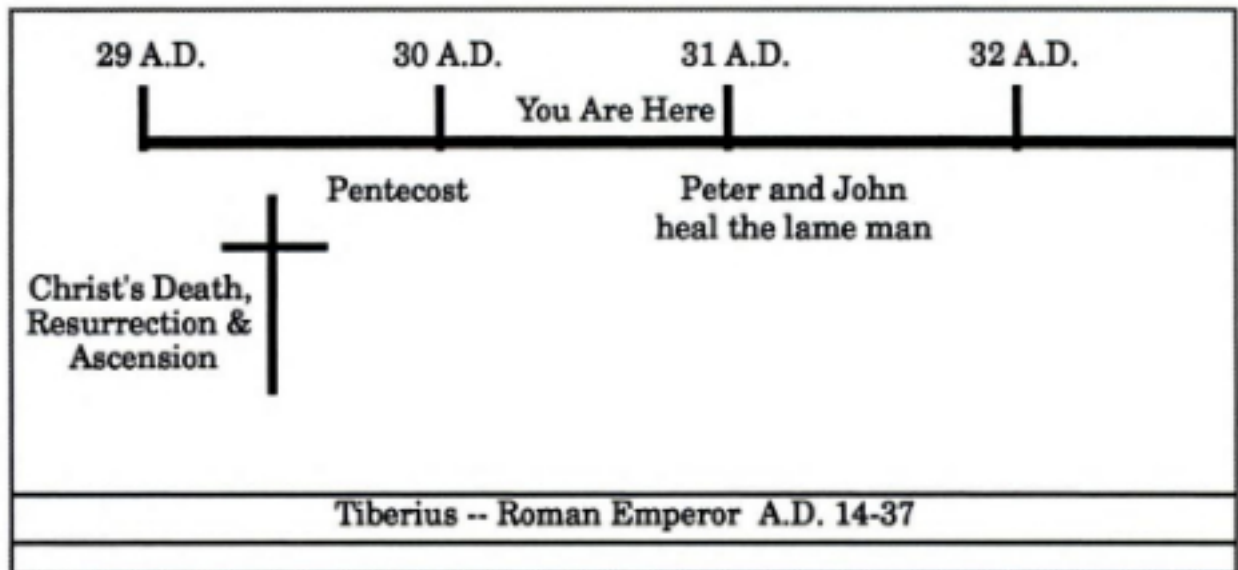


Healing of the Beggar Lesson #4



Lesson Goal: To understand what it is that we have to give unto the Lord.

Background Text: Acts 3:1-26

Memory Verse: Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. Acts 3:6

My wife once shared an interesting concept with me. She explained that as far as she was concerned there are three different groups of people in the world. Persons of the first group accomplish nothing with their lives because they do nothing. Generally, these are lazy people who either have no jobs or productive work habits, or they put no imagination, thought, or creativity into their lives. It may look as if they are doing something when they actually accomplish nothing.

Persons of the second group are those who are so busy with their jobs, and lives in general, that they are like rats in a maze. They may fill their schedules and work fourteen hours a day, but how much are they actually accomplishing for God's kingdom? They have the tendency to confuse their priorities by focusing an inappropriate amount of attention upon their lives and not upon the Lord Jesus. Matthew 6:33 reminds us to, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." The Lord Jesus Christ needs



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to take the first priority in our lives; otherwise, we may find ourselves spinning our wheels.

Persons of the third group are those who understand their calling and purpose in life, and focus their attention and energy toward that end. Peter and John were two such individuals. They understood that as servants of Christ, their objective was to bring glory to God by using their gifts and abilities to serve Him.

Into which category do you fall? The best way to address this question is by asking another question: what is your goal and purpose in life? God's Word explains that as His children, we were chosen by God for a specific plan and purpose. Our ultimate objective should be to glorify the Lord Jesus in everything that we do.

In our lesson's background text, Peter and John preached that only God healed the temple beggar by means of the Apostles' faith. We too must give God credit for His great works and believe in His saving power. All

we truly have to offer the Lord is our faith. To God, our money, friends, and influence are incidental. God desires that our lives be committed to him wholly and completely. Nothing should matter to us as much as our total faithfulness to Him. When we are fully committed to God, the rest of our priorities will fall into their proper places in our lives.

Do you ever wonder, "Why was I born? What is my purpose for being here? What is the meaning of life?" The answers to these questions lie directly in our service for the Lord. We must maintain the attitude that all we have – our lives, loves, dreams, and ambitions are the Lord's. We are accountable to Him for what we do with our lives. Our purpose and meaning in life come from the knowledge that we are on this earth to serve God and to bring Him honor and glory.

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Questions: Match the correct answer with the proper question.

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| 1. ____ Peter had none of this to offer the lame beggar.
(Acts 3:6) | a. Iniquity |
| 2. ____ The lame beggar's feet and ankles received this.
(Acts 3:7) | b. Wonder and amazement |
| 3. ____ The people were filled with this when they saw the lame beggar walk. (Acts 3:10) | c. Love |
| 4. ____ The people desired that this be granted to them in the place of Christ. (Acts 3:14) | d. Strength |
| 5. ____ The people did this to the Holy One. (Acts 3:14) | e. Jesus |
| 6. ____ He was ultimately responsible for healing the lame beggar. (Acts 3:15-16) | f. David |
| 7. ____ Christ fulfilled the things God had spoken through these people. (Acts 3:18) | g. Anger and frustration |
| 8. ____ We must do this in order for our sin to be blotted out. (Acts 3:19) | h. Silver and gold |
| 9. ____ In his seed were all the nations of the earth to be blessed. (Acts 3:25) | i. Denied |
| 10. ____ Christ was sent to turn all of us away from this.
(Acts 3:26) | j. The Prophets |
| | k. Repent and be converted |
| | l. Abraham |
| | m. A murderer |

Thought Questions:

1. Into which of the three categories described in this lesson do you see yourself? Be honest and explain your answer. _____

2. Why is it important that God have the highest priority in our lives? _____

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Lesson Review:

1. Who is ultimately responsible for the conviction of sin and the salvation of souls? (Lesson #3) _____
2. Describe what it means to have the Holy Spirit seal us? (Lesson #2) _____

3. With God's help, who shares the responsibility for the future of the church? (Lesson #1) _____

Supplemental Exercise: Unscramble the five words listed below. Take the letters that are circled and rearrange them to solve the missing phrase.

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