

PREACHING IN SOLOMON'S PORCH – 2ND SERMON OF THE CHURCH -- ACTS 3:17-26

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Monday 7:30pm, H 105 (1st floor, High School--foot of stairs, behind the gym, by doughnut/vending machine area), Tuesday 7:00am, Family, Room, CCCM – Phil Twente, cell #714 425 9221; email – ptwente@gmail.com For past studies, audio plus notes, go to: <http://www.missioncalvary.com/> Click on “Bible Studies” on the left column. References include commentaries by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking, John Stott, Vernon McGee, Warren Wiersbe and others.

THE REASON BEHIND THE SUFFERING AND DEATH OF CHRIST – Acts 3:17-18

Act 3:17 "Yet now, brethren, I know that you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers."

Act 3:18 But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.

THE REQUIREMENT OF GOD FOR OUR SINS – Acts 3:19-20

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v. 17 "you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers." - As to the response of the people – cf - 1 Corinthians 2:8; 1 Timothy 1:13 The Old Testament teaches that sins done in ignorance can be atoned by sacrifice; Peter is saying that they can still be forgiven and be saved!– Numbers 15:27-29- But willful, presumptuous or defiant sin cannot; rejecting the death of Jesus Christ, the blood of Jesus as your sacrifice as forgiveness for your sins, will put you into a position of no hope! – Numbers 15:30-31; Heb. 10:29

v. 18 "those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled" - As to the revelation of God; it was prophesied over and over that Jesus would suffer and die, even though Israel rejected this. – Is. Chaps. 42 to the end; 53:4-9

THE REQUIREMENT OF GOD FOR OUR SINS – Acts 3:19-20

"v. 19 "Repent (metanoeo- to change your mind) therefore and be converted (return or turn again)" To repent does not mean simply being sorry! It primarily means to change one's mind! To repent; to be converted; to take counsel with yourself! To turn from and to turn to!! Sorrow which leads to repentance. Cf. Mt. 3:2; 4:17; Acts 2:38

v. 19 "that your sins may be blotted (wiped) out" – passive, indicates that God does it: The result is repentance, which also verifies the interpretation of Acts 2:38- cf - Colossians 2:14 used of wiping tears – Revelation 7:17; 21:4 Repentance is not the same as "doing penance," as though we have to make a special sacrifice to God to prove that we are sincere. True repentance is admitting that what God says is true, and because it is true, to change our mind about our sins and about the Savior.

PREACHING IN SOLOMON'S PORCH – 2ND SERMON OF THE CHURCH-WHAT THE NATION NEEDS TO HEAR

Chapter Three -The Power of His Name - Acts 3:1-4:4; The emphasis in Act_3:1-26 and Act_4:1-37 is on the name of the Lord Jesus.

Jesus the Healer (Act_3:1-10)

Jesus, the Son of God (Act_3:11-16)

Jesus, the Savior (Acts 3:17-4:4)

But Peter did not leave the people without hope. When Peter told the brethren that what they did to our Lord, the did in ignorance, it was not to excuse their sin, nor to imply that forgiveness was unnecessary, but to show why it was possible. He was echoing the very Jewish, Old Testament distinction between sins of ignorance and sins of presumption.

2 Co 7:9-10 Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry (lupeo), but that your sorrow led to repentance (metanoia). For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. [10] For godly sorrow (lupeo), produces repentance (metanoia), leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

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so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

Act 3:20 and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before,

THE COMING RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS – Acts 3:21

Act 3:21 whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

THE RESULTS OF NOT RESPONDING TO GOD'S PROPHETS – Acts 3:22-24

Act 3:22 For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN. HIM YOU SHALL HEAR IN ALL THINGS, WHATEVER HE SAYS TO YOU.

v. 19 “so that times of refreshing (relief) may come” – The coming times of refreshing - “to find relief – to cool back” – cf - 2 Timothy 1:16 - Used only 2 times in the New Testament, used once in LXX – Exodus 8:15 – “when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart” – in the case of removing the frogs. Relief always comes from the Lord the moment we confess!

*v. 20 “that He may send Jesus Christ” - The coming of Christ - Old Testament predicts that Christ will come as the nation repents. - Cf. Dan.12:1
Some suggest that if Israel as a nation would have repented, the judgment of Jerusalem would not have come!*

THE COMING RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS – Acts 3:21

v. 21 “until the times of restoration (back to a previous condition) of all things.” - To restore back to a previous condition – Garden of Eden – Paradise will be restored! In early Greek literature, it refers to restoring estates back to rightful owners, and also of balancing of accounts.

THE RESULTS OF NOT RESPONDING TO GOD'S PROPHETS – Acts 3:22-24

v. 22 “HIM YOU SHALL HEAR IN ALL THINGS, WHATEVER HE SAYS TO YOU.” - The character of God's prophet makes it a serious issue – Quote from Deuteronomy 18:15 – quoted by Stephen in his message – Acts 7:37- cf - Matthew 17:5 – ““This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!””

To what previous condition will God restore things? How far back?

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Act 3:23 AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERY SOUL WHO WILL NOT HEAR THAT PROPHET SHALL BE UTTERLY DESTROYED FROM AMONG THE PEOPLE.'

Act 3:24 Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days.

THE REALIZATION OF HOW GOD WOULD USE THE NATION OF ISRAEL – Acts 3:25-26

Act 3:25 You (Jews) are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made (covenanted) with our fathers, saying to Abraham, 'AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.'

Act 3:26 To you first, God, having raised up His

Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities."

v. 23 "shall be utterly destroyed from among the people" – The consequence that is predicted - cf - Hebrews 12:25; 10:26-31

v. 24 "all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow" – cf. Psa 99:6; 2Sa 7:16.

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v. 25 "the covenant which God made" - Seen in the promise to Abraham – Acts 3:25 (covenanted) – middle voice – God does it Himself – it was not two-way, but based totally upon God! The promise to Abraham (through your seed!) was made to bless the whole world! - Cf. Gal. 3:16

v. 26 "To you first" – indicates others would also be blessed because of it! Do you love the Jews? Are you thankful to the Jewish people?

v. 26 "to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities." – Seen in the purpose of God – cf. "To the Jew first" – Romans 1:16; John 4:22 – "Salvation is from the Jews"

Peter's message produced two opposite results:

(1) some 2,000 Jews believed the Word and were converted, and (2) the religious leaders of the nation rejected the message and tried to silence the Apostles. We have here the beginning of the persecution about which Jesus had already warned His followers (Mat 10:17-18; Luk 21:12-19;)

The consequence of not responding to Jesus is to spend eternity in hell!

Act 3:19 Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

Are there sins, things in your past, from which you really have not yet experienced relief?

1Jn 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. [7] But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. [8] If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [9] If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [10] If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

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		<p><u>Questions:</u></p> <p>1. Do you think Peter, in telling the listening Jews in verse 17, that their sin in coming against Jesus was done in ignorance was telling that they were stupid or was there an element of grace and mercy in saying that? Why--what is your Biblical reason or proof?</p> <p>2. Following his sermon what two things did Peter instruct his listeners to do?</p> <p>3. What three results would come out of doing those two things?</p> <p>4. How would you define “true repentance”?</p> <p>5. How do today’s Orthodox Jews interpret verse 22, with respect to their anticipation that the coming Messiah will be merely a man and not the Son of God? What emphasis do they place on their present interpretation of <i>Deuteronomy 18:15</i>, for their past and present rejection of Jesus Christ as their Messiah?</p> <p>6. How do we know what was taught in the time of Christ, regarding the Jews anticipating their Messiah to be the Son of God? Hint, see <i>Matthew 16:16; 26:63; Luke 22:70; John 5:43</i>.</p> <p>7. Are there sins in your past, from which you really have not experienced relief? What does Peter say we must do in order to have times of refreshing or relief?</p> <p>8. In verse 21, mention is made of the “times of restoration of all things. Restoring back to what time do you think is meant here? The time of Jesus? David? Time of Moses? Time of Abraham? Time of Noah??</p> <p>9. Who is the “you” in verse 25 referring to?</p> <p>10. In verse 25, we are told that “<i>in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.</i>” Is the use of the word “seed” singular or plural? How do we know? Hint, see <i>Galatians 3:16</i>! For those of you who are Gentiles, why do you find this verse (v. 25b) encouraging?</p> <p>11. What is meant in v. 26, by “<i>to you first, God, having raised up His servant Jesus....</i>”?</p>
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