

Acts 3:1 - 4:4

At Crossover, why is Jesus' Name so amazing?

- We call on Him for salvation (Acts 2:21)
- We put their faith in His Name (John 1:12; 1 John 5:13)
- We are justified in Him (1 Corinthians 6:11)
- We are forgiven in Him (Acts 10:43; 1 John 2:12)
- We are baptized into Jesus' Name (Acts 2:38; 10:48; 19:5)
- We have life in His Name (John 20:31)
- We glorify His Name (2 Thessalonians 1:12)
- We give thanks are to do everything in His Name (Ephesians 5:20; Colossians 3:17)

THREE REASONS FOR US TO BE AMAZED

1. Jesus' name asserts ultimate authority (vv 1-10, 16)

Cultural context –

Who healed the blind man? (v.16)

What about when Jesus doesn't miraculously heal someone's body?

Romans 5:1-5

What needs to change with your perspective of Jesus' authority over whatever you are facing?

2. Jesus' name confirms victory over sin and death (vv 11-18)

Peter's play on words –

How does your life and my life prove that we believe Jesus is our Source of Life who confirms victory over the power of our sin?

Jesus is the only Source of Life who suffered the ultimate price by taking our place so that we could have life in His Name.

3. Jesus' name offers salvation and fulfills promises (vv 19-26; 4:1-4)

Peter's word choice:

Repent – *metanoō* - To repent, change the mind, relent.

Theologically, it involves regret or sorrow, accompanied by a true change of heart toward God and the Gospel of Christ.

Turn back – *epistréphō* - Metaphorically spoken of a return to good, to return, be converted, used in an absolute sense.

Three Promises

(1) “Sins be wiped out” –

(2) “seasons of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord” –

(3) “He (God the Father) may send Jesus, who has been appointed for you (Israel) as the Messiah” –

What happened after Peter finished the sermon?

Read Acts 4 for next week | Memory Verse: Ephesians 3:14-16