

Church:

A People of
Refreshing and Restoration

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Acts 3:19–20 NIV

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**It must be natural for
believers to long for a greater
sense of God's presence in
their lives.**

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**“I’m hungry for another
Asbury.”**

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Human beings have an innate longing for meaning, purpose, and inner well-being beyond the natural realm.

Increasingly, people realize that worldly systems are limited and cannot address the deeper issues of the heart, soul, and spirit.

This world (*i.e., the natural world, worldly philosophies, and social structures*) **cannot satisfy our deep longing for meaning, purpose, and connection, nor can it sustain our spiritual vitality or inner well-being.**

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**Sin ruins the life God gives us
by destroying our confidence
and joy and stealing happiness
from our relationship with God
and others.**

**We all sin and feel shame, guilt,
failure, and embarrassment,
and we tend to seek relief and
salvation from sources other
than King Jesus.**

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Repentance, returning to God, and receiving remission of sins is necessary for experiencing His refreshing presence.

**While God's love remains constant,
spiritual refreshment isn't
automatic.**

Word from February 4th, 2024

...To feel and know my presence. I am beginning to turn the fire up in this place. I am beginning to turn up My presence in this place, and you My people are boiling places; you will begin to boil as you come near Me. More and more and more.

**The boiling will occur and it will boil up
the dross and it will bring My refining fire
and you will know the love of God and
express it to those you see outside these
WALLS — that they may know that this is
My place, My boiling place, My caldron of
God's love, My place, in Jesus name. Amen.**

A Purpose Clause

“...turn to God, **so that...**”

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**We want a better way of being
and living!**

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Even with this fantastic promise of refreshing, our seasons with God are not all the same, and that's the mutual ground we share.

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Together, we recognize that the depth and richness of our seasons and relationships are directly impacted by our obedience to the indispensable instructions set forth by God and His word.

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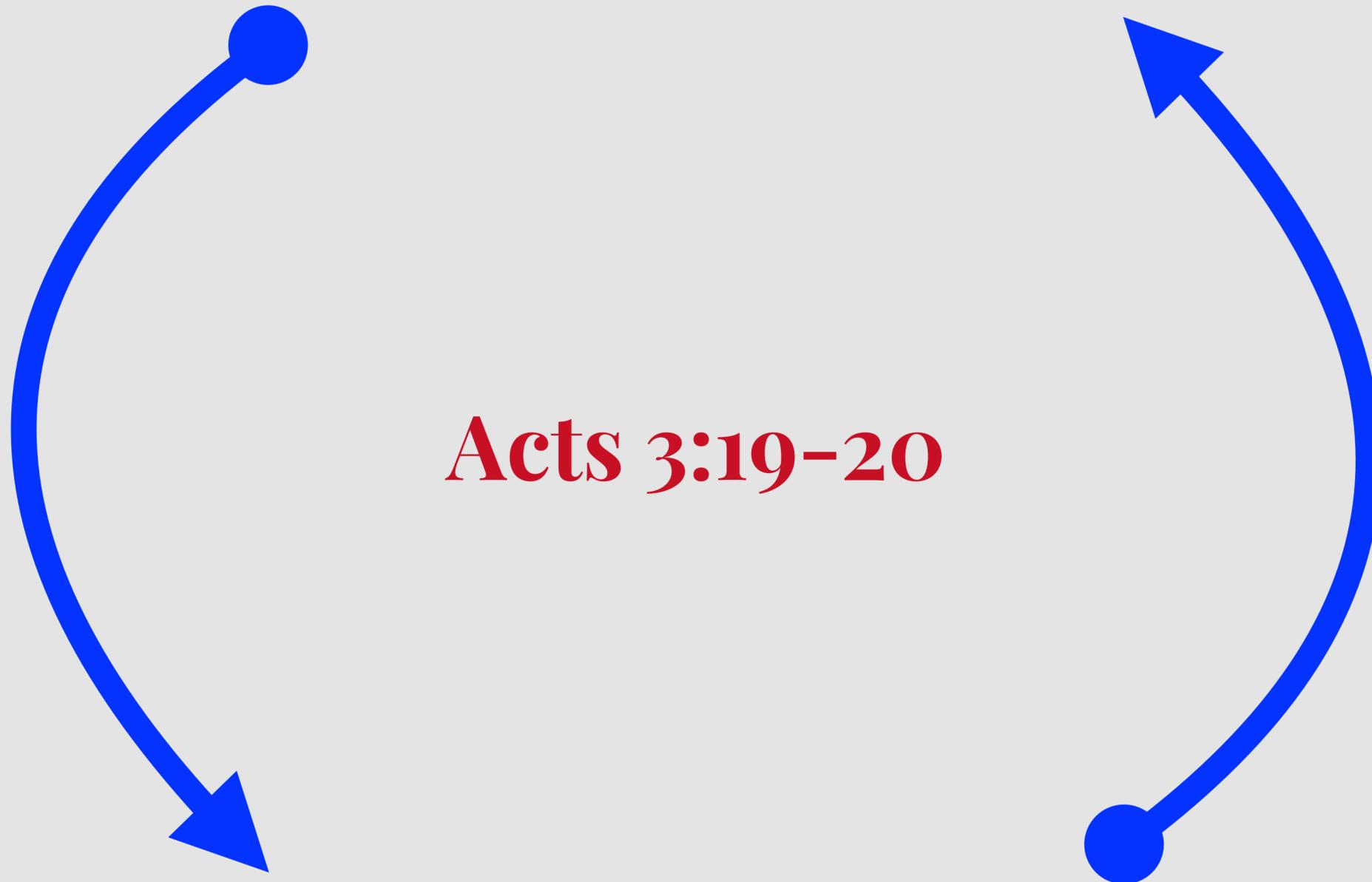
The Father, Son, & Holy Spirit

Refreshing
from God

Acts 3:19-20

Jesus-
centered,
Spirit-filled,
Kingdom
living

Human Beings



**The seasons of refreshing from God
are distinguished by key traits
evident in the early church and the
lives of Jesus' followers.**

**What are the key traits of
“refreshing” within the life and
mission of the early church and
Jesus’ followers, as seen in the book
of Acts?**

Key Traits of Refreshing from God:

Allegiance to King Jesus!

Acts 5:29, 17:7, 20:24, 21:13

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Key Traits of Refreshing from God:

Holy Spirit empowered living.

Acts 1:8; 2:4; 4:31; 6:5; 7:55; 8:29; 10:44-45; 11:12 24; 13:9, 52; 19:6

“If we are going to count for much in the post-modern world in which we now live, the Spirit must remain the key to the church’s existence.”

**Fee, Gordon D.. Paul, the Spirit, and the People of God (p. 179).
Baker Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.**

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Key Traits of Refreshing from God:

Divine boldness in gospel proclamation and missional living.

Acts 2:14-40; 3:12-26; 4:8-12, 29-31; 5:42; 8:4-12; 9:27-28;
10:34-43; 13:14-52; 14:3; 18:9-11; 17:22-31; 19:8-10; 20:20-21

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Key Traits of Refreshing from God:

**Uncommon diverse relational hesed
and fellowship.**

Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35; 5:12-16; 11:19-26; 15:22-31; 20:7-12

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Key Traits of Refreshing from God:

Lives of committed prayer.

Acts 1:14; 2:42; 3:1; 4:23-31; 6:4; 9:11; 10:9; 12:5; 13:2-3; 16:25

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Key Traits of Refreshing from God:

Lives of radical generosity.

Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-37; 9:36-39; 10:1-4; 11:27-30; 20:35

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Key Traits of Refreshing from God:

Enduring faith during trials and tribulations.

Acts 4:18-20; 5:41-42; 7:59-60; 9:16; 12:5; 14:1-3, 19-22; 16:23-25;
20:22-24

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Key Traits of Refreshing from God:

Operating in the ministry gifts of the Spirit.

Acts 2:4; 3:6-8; 5:15-16; 6:8; 8:6-7; 9:17-18, 40; 10:44-46; 13:6-12;
14:1-3, 8-10; 16:16-18; 19:11-12; 28:3-9

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Key Traits of Refreshing from God:

**Commitment to gospel sharing and
discipleship.**

Acts 2:42; 4:2, 18-20; 5:42; 8:4, 11:19-21; 14:21-22; 15:35; 16:10;
17:2-3; 18:11; 19:9-10; 20:20, 27; 28:31

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Key Traits of Refreshing from God:

Leadership development.

Acts 1:21-26; 6:1-7; 11:19-26; 13:1-3; 14:21-23; 15:36-41; 16:1-5,
11-12; 18:24-28; 20:17-38; 20:28-31; 21:8-14

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**How are we doing when we examine
our lives next to the early church and
Jesus' followers?**

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**God-given refreshment is crucial for
growing spiritually, showing our
faith in action, and spreading the
Gospel across cultures.**

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**Refreshing is needed until
restoration is established.**

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Sincerely pray...

**“Spirit of God, we yield ourselves to You.
Kindle in us a fresh longing for You, King
Jesus, and the Father.**

**We say ‘yes’ to being receptive vessels, ready
to embody the spiritual refreshment You
provide.”**

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