

Acts 3:13-26  
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<sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied before Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup> You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer released to you. <sup>15</sup> You killed the source<sup>[a]</sup> of life, whom God raised from the dead; we are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup> By faith in his name, his name has made this man strong, whom you see and know. So the faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in front of all of you.

<sup>17</sup> “And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your leaders also did. <sup>18</sup> In this way God fulfilled what he had predicted through all the prophets—that his Messiah would suffer.

I. The five names of Christ used by Peter

A. SERVANT

<sup>3:13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus,

B. JESUS

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Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew name *Joshua*, meaning “the Lord is salvation.”

C. HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS ONE

<sup>3:14</sup> You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer released to you.

*Hagios (Holy)* means to be separated to God. Jesus is not only holy by nature but separated to God to do His will.

*Dikaios (Righteous)* carries the idea of being innocent of any crime.

Faced with the choice between Jesus, their innocent Messiah, and the guilty **murderer** Barabbas, they chose the latter.

D. PRINCE OF LIFE

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know. So the faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in front of all of you.

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**Prince of Life** translates *archegos*. It refers to the originator, pioneer, or beginner of something.

Hebrews 12:2 (“keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God”) describes Jesus as the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

John 1:4, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live.” John 11:25) 

Peter offers them the possibility of forgiveness because they had **acted in ignorance**

## E. CHRIST

3: <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had predicted through all the prophets—that his Messiah would suffer.

Peter reassures his hearers that their rejection and execution of the Messiah had not thwarted God's plan.

## II. The Necessity of Repentance

<sup>19</sup>Therefore repent and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped out, <sup>20</sup>that seasons of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send Jesus, who has been appointed for you as the Messiah. <sup>21</sup>Heaven must receive him until the time of the restoration of all things, which God spoke about through his holy prophets from the beginning. <sup>22</sup>Moses said:<sup>[b]</sup> **The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your brothers. You must listen to everything he tells you.** <sup>23</sup>**And everyone who does not listen to that prophet will be completely cut off from the people.**<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>24</sup>“In addition, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those after him, have also foretold these days. <sup>25</sup>You are the sons<sup>[d]</sup> of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your ancestors, saying to Abraham, **And all the families of the**

**earth will be blessed through your offspring.**<sup>[e]</sup> <sup>26</sup> God raised up his servant<sup>[f]</sup> and sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your evil ways.”

Matthw 3:1-2 “In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea <sup>2</sup> and saying, ‘Repent, because the kingdom of heaven has come near!’”  
According to Matthew 4:17, “From then on Jesus began to preach, ‘Repent, because the kingdom of heaven has come near.’”

The literal meaning *metanoeo* (**repent**) is “to change one’s mind or purpose.”

A. GOD WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN

3: <sup>19</sup> Therefore repent and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped out,

*Exaleipho* (**wiped away**) pictures the wiping of ink off a document

“He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross.” Colossians 2:14).

B. THE KINGDOM WILL COME

3: <sup>20</sup> that seasons of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send Jesus, who has been appointed for you as the Messiah.

*Kairos* (**times**) points to a fixed, set, or predetermined time.

C. MESSIAH WILL RETURN

3: and that he may send Jesus, who has been appointed for you as the Messiah. <sup>21</sup> Heaven must receive him until the time of the restoration of all things, which God spoke about through his holy prophets from the beginning

D. JUDGEMENT WILL BE AVOIDED

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E. BLESSINGS WILL BE REALIZED

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### III. Take aways for us

When sharing the gospel....

We should be respectful

We should be bold

We should be hopeful