

Southside Baptist Church  
Sunday Morning – 9-7-25  
Christianity 103 – Message 3 Part 1  
This is really the Great Adventure.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) We have completed Acts 2 and move today into chapter 3.
  - a) A new term – “functioning” – executing the high calling of your office.
  - b) These new believers were still living their daily lives but because of the change they are living differently.
  - c) New Testament Church is really a way of life.
- 2) How did these new believers know what to do?
  - a) The Holy Spirit will guide you in all truth.
  - b) The key word – RESPOND!
  - c) Walking in the Spirit is a command.
  - d) The war between the Spirit and the flesh is a battle for control.
  - e) Walking in the Spirit benefits me.
  - f) How can you know if you are walking in the Spirit?

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) Looking for and learning what it means to be the Church.
- 2) Acts 3 reveals the story of a man who was lame, and two believers God is working in and through.
- 3) This is a Jesus movement.
  - a) Ephesians 5:18 –
  - b) Walking in the Spirit doesn’t lead to fleshly thinking and living.

2. Jesus presented an opportunity to Peter and John. Acts 3:1-10

a. Does this ever happen to you?

- 1) Are you alert each day? Is that a part of “BEING” the church?
- 2) I Cor. 15:58 –

b. They are headed to pray. Verse 1

- 1) We have Peter and John –

c. An opportunity presents itself.

- 1) I think something is going on that they have no clue about.
- 2) Verse 2 – this was likely a regular practice.
- 3) Verse 3 – the beggar noticed Peter and John and not the other way around.
  - a) Could this be an example of what can happen when the “called out ones” are “functioning,” because functioning isn’t just about what happens here on Sunday’s but what is happening every moment of every day in your life.
- 4) Verse 4 – The beggar called out to them.

d. “Selah”

- 1) Application –
  - a) If you choose to walk in the flesh in your life, you will likely never –
  - b) But, if you choose to walk in the Spirit, then –

e. Look at the next verse:

- 1) Verse 5 – the beggar was anticipating something.
- 2) Application –
- 3) Verses 6-9
  - a) This beggar was healed by the power of God.
  - b) Believer, we need to be ready –

- c) I appreciate this man's praise.
- f. There will always be people wondering what just happened. Acts 3:10
  - 1) Filled with "wonder" – astonished, wonder.
  - 2) "Amazement" – thrown into a state of blended fear and wonder.
  - 3) So, what happens next?
    - a) There is going to be a conversation.
  - 4) Application – Are you ready for this?
- 3. Today's Take Away:
  - a. To the believer – Be Ready! Be Alert! Be Attentive! Be Available! Be Faithful! Be Humble! Be Forgiving! Be Compassionate! Be Understanding! Be Patient!
  - b. To the one who doesn't know what will happen when they die -