

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning – 9-14-25
Christianity 103 – Message 3 Part 2
This is really the Great Adventure.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) A good example from the early church believers to follow.
 - a) We are believers still living our daily lives but because of the change we should be living differently –
- 2) Based on this story of Peter and John, I asked you, are you alert each day?
- 3) What we can't see and known is what God is doing in someone else's life until it collides with ours.
- 4) Peter, led by the Spirit of God, spoke to this man which resulted in his healing.
 - a) If you choose to walk in the flesh, then –
 - b) If you choose to walk in the Spirit, then –
- 5) My encouragement to each of you, Be Ready! Be Alert! Be Attentive! Be Available! Be Faithful! Be Humble! Be Forgiving! Be Compassionate! Be Understanding! Be Patient! Be JESUS to them!

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) This miracle has caused many to stop in wonder and amazement and consider what has just happened.
- 2) What a moment this is.

2. The New Testament Church is really a way of life. Acts 3:11

a. You never know who God may bring your way.

- 1) Just give them Jesus. That is what Peter does here.

3. Here comes the crowd. Acts 3:11

a. Who do you think is in the crowd?

- 1) Pay close attention and you will figure this out.

b. Peter, led by the Spirit, is ready. Acts 3:12-16

- 1) Responding to the leading of the Holy Spirit, Peter doesn't wait for questions.
 - a) "And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people..."
- 2) Verse 12 – Peter perceived they were looking for an answer.
 - a) Because of the blindness from the enemy –
 - b) "why marvel ye at this? Or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power of holiness we had made this man walk."
- 3) Think about this for a moment.
 - a) I think Peter is saying, Praise the Lord!

4) Application.

- a) "Praise the Lord!" – Develop this as a part of your regular vocabulary. Why?

4. Peter turned the table very quickly. Verses 13-15

a. Verse 13 –

- 1) "The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers..."
 - a) Familiar O.T. way of addressing God.
- 2) "hath glorified his Son Jesus" –
 - a) Jesus is the One "whom ye delivered up."
 - b) He is the One you "denied."
- 3) Application.
 - a) Peter was bold here and was unashamed of his relationship with Jesus.

- b. Verse 14 –
 - 1) They refused to accept Jesus as the “Holy One.”
 - 2) They refused to accept Jesus as the “Just One.”
 - 3) The healed beggar was proof that Jesus is Alive!
 - 4) This is the right message at the right time addressed to the right people.
- c. Peter continued his message. Verses 15-18
 - 1) Verse 15 –
 - a) “Prince of Life” – the author of life.
 - 2) Verse 16 –
 - a) It is by faith in Jesus that this man has been healed. They are witnesses to a miracle because of faith.
 - 3) Verse 17 –
 - a) Peter met these people right where they were.
 - b) The moment of truth has arrived for each one.
 - 4) Verse 18 –
 - a) Let me share something here from Warren Weirsbe.
- d. The truth convicts. Acts 3:19
 - 1) This presentation of evidence proves that they are guilty.
 - a) John 16:8 –
- e. Conviction clarified.
 - 1) First, what it is not.
 - a) More than having a guilty conscience.
 - b) More than a sense of fear of punishment.
 - c) More than just a knowledge of right and wrong.
 - 2) What is conviction?
 - a) You sense in your heart and mind a disgust and hatred for your sin.
 - b) Your attitude is to flee temptation and sin.
 - c) You recognize that your sin dishonors God.
 - d) You feel conviction which leads us to repent.
- 5. Today’s Take Away:
 - a. Church – “Called Out Ones” - Be Ready! Be Alert! Be Attentive! Be Available! Be Faithful! Be Humble! Be Forgiving! Be Compassionate! Be Understanding! Be Patient! Be JESUS to them!
 - b. Where does God find you this morning? Is your heart right before the Lord today?
 - c. Are you equipped to share the Gospel?