



Go for God!

“THE FAITH FACTOR!”

ACTS Chapter 3

- **Let us learn three FAITH FACTORS in chapter 3 of ACTS:**

> #1 - (v1-11) **FAITH IN THE NAME OF JESUS FOR HEALING!**

> #2 - (v12-21) **FAITH IN THE NAME OF JESUS FOR REFRESHING!**

> #3 - (v22-26) **FAITH IN THE NAME OF JESUS FOR BLESSINGS!**

But first let us go BACK TO THE FUTURE! – Turn to Matthew Chapter 10.

> **#1 - (v1-11) FAITH IN THE NAME OF JESUS FOR HEALING!**

- **Two acts of Faith in His Name:**

(1) ***Peter’s faith to pray in the name of Jesus and to believe!***

(2) ***The lame man to believe in the name of Jesus and receive!***

- This miracle in the name of Jesus made a poor lame beggar go from lameness to leaping, from weakness to strength, from dependence to independence, from begging to riches, from sorrow to praise!

> **#2 – (v12-21) FAITH IN THE NAME OF JESUS FOR REFRESHING!**

(v12) The humble truth of the matter is it is not “*by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?*”

(v13) Notice that Peter did not say it’s by the God of Abraham through Ishmael (Genesis 17:19 – *Then God said: “No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him.”*)

(v14) Jesus is the ***HOLY ONE*** (Luke 4:31-37 – Even demons know this!) and the ***JUST*** (innocent of any crime).

(v15) “***Prince of Life***”- ***Prince*** - author, chief leader. ***Life*** - real, genuine, active, vigorous life devoted to God. (John 1:4; 1John 5:11, 20)

(v16-17) The key is **FAITH IN CHRIST!**

(v18) “***God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets***”- Gen. 3:15; Ps. 22; Is. 53; Zech. 12:10.

(v19-21) **There are three “R’s” for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness! (Jesus)**

(1) **REPENT** - To change one’s mind; to heartily amend with abhorrence of one’s past sins. In ***repentance*** we have ***conversion*** (to turn to the

worship of the true God), and the result is that our *sins are blotted out* (Psalms 51:9; Isaiah 43:25), this term is taken from the practice of creditors charging debtors, and when the debt is paid, canceling it, or wholly removing the record.

(2) *Times of REFRESHING* – a recovery of breath, (figuratively) REVIVAL!

(Example: Luke 15:11-32 - The prodigal son.)

(3) *RESTORATION of all things* – The *restoration* is *apokatastasis* meaning restoration to a former state. This will happen at the 2nd Coming of Christ as he reigns for 1000 years (Rev. 20:1-3). Israel will have peace, receive all its promised land, and will have their theocratic King, Jesus the Son of God!

> #3 - (v22-26) *FAITH IN THE NAME OF JESUS FOR BLESSINGS!*

(v22-23) *“Moses . . . a prophet like me”*- Seven Similarities:

1. *His life spared in infancy*
2. *He emptied Himself by renouncing the things of Egypt (world) & became deliverer.*
3. *He was faithful with compassion and love.*
4. *He spoke with God face to face reflecting divine glory.*
5. *A mighty prophet in word & deed.*
6. *A mediator of the covenant*
7. *A leader of the people*

(v24-25) *The prophets spoke of Jesus!*

> *Prophecies Respecting Christ:*

As the Son of God. Ps 2:7.

Fulfilled. Luke 1:32,35.

As the seed of the woman. Gen 3:15.

Fulfilled. Gal 4:4.

As the seed of Abraham. Gen 17:7; 22:18.

Fulfilled. Gal 3:16.

As the seed of Isaac. Gen 21:12.

Fulfilled. Heb 11:17–19.

As the seed of David. Ps 132:11; Jer 23:5.

Fulfilled. Acts 13:23; Rom 1:3.

His coming at a set time. Gen 49:10; Dan 9:24,25.

Fulfilled. Luke 2:1.

His being born of a virgin. Is 7:14.

Fulfilled. Matt 1:22,23; Luke 2:7.

His being called Immanuel. Is 7:14.

Fulfilled. Matt 1:22,23.

His being born in Bethlehem of Judea. Mic 5:2.

Fulfilled. Matt 2:1; Luke 2:4–6.

Great persons coming to adore him. Ps 72:10.

Fulfilled. Matt 2:1–11.
The slaying of the children of Bethlehem. Jer 31:15.
Fulfilled. Matt 2:16–18.
His being called out of Egypt. Hos 11:1.
Fulfilled. Matt 2:15.
His being preceded by John the Baptist. Is 40:3; Mal 3:1.
Fulfilled. Matt 3:1,3; Luke 1:17.
His being anointed with the Spirit. Ps 45:7; Is 11:2; 61:1.
Fulfilled. Matt 3:16; John 3:34; Acts 10:38.
His being a Prophet like to Moses. Deut 18:15–18.
Fulfilled. Acts 3:20–22.
His being a Priest after the order of Melchizedek. Ps 110:4.
Fulfilled. Heb 5:5,6.
His entering on his public ministry. Is 61:1,2.
Fulfilled. Luke 4:16–21,43.
His ministry commencing in Galilee. Is 9:1,2.
Fulfilled. Matt 4:12–16,23.
His entering publicly into Jerusalem. Zech 9:9.
Fulfilled. Matt 21:1–5.
His coming into the temple. Hag 2:7,9; Mal 3:1.
Fulfilled. Matt 21:12; Luke 2:27–32; John 2:13–16.
His poverty. Is 53:2.
Fulfilled. Mark 6:3; Luke 9:58.
His meekness and want of ostentatious. Is 42:2.
Fulfilled. Matt 12:15,16,19.
His tenderness and compassion. Is 40:11; 42:3.
Fulfilled. Matt 12:15,20; Heb 4:15.
His being without guile. Is 53:9.
Fulfilled. 1 Pet 2:22.
His zeal. Ps 69:9.
Fulfilled. John 2:17.
His preaching by parables. Ps 78:2.
Fulfilled. Matt 13:34,35.
His working miracles. Is 35:5,6.
Fulfilled. Matt 11:4–6; John 11:47.
His bearing reproach. Ps 22:6; 69:7,9,20.
Fulfilled. Rom 15:3.
His being rejected by his brethren. Ps 69:8; Is 63:3.
Fulfilled. John 1:11; 7:3.
His being a stone of stumbling to the Jews. Is 8:14.
Fulfilled. Rom 9:32; 1 Pet 2:8.
His being hated by the Jews. Ps 69:4; Is 49:7.
Fulfilled. John 15:24,25.
His being rejected by the Jewish rulers. Ps 118:22.
Fulfilled. Matt 21:42; John 7:48.
That the Jews and Gentiles should combine against Him. Ps 2:1,2.
Fulfilled. Luke 23:12; Acts 4:27.
His being betrayed by a friend. Ps 41:9; 55:12–14.
Fulfilled. John 13:18,21.
His disciples forsaking him. Zech 13:7.

Fulfilled. Matt 26:31,56.
His being sold for thirty pieces silver. Zech 11:12.
Fulfilled. Matt 26:15.
His price being given for the potter's field. Zech 11:13.
Fulfilled. Matt 27:7.
The intensity of his sufferings. Ps 22:14,15.
Fulfilled. Luke 22:42,44.
His sufferings being for others. Is 53:4–6,12; Dan 9:26.
Fulfilled. Matt 20:28.
His patience and silence under suffering. Is 53:7.
Fulfilled. Matt 26:63; 27:12–14.
His being smitten on the cheek. Mic 5:1.
Fulfilled. Matt 27:30.
His visage being marred. Is 52:14; 53:3.
Fulfilled. John 19:5.
His being spit on and scourged. Is 50:6.
Fulfilled. Mark 14:65; John 19:1.
His hands and feet being nailed to the cross. Ps 22:16.
Fulfilled. John 19:18; 20:25.
His being forsaken by God. Ps 22:1.
Fulfilled. Matt 27:46.
His being mocked. Ps 22:7,8.
Fulfilled. Matt 27:39–44.
Gall and vinegar being given him to drink. Ps 69:21.
Fulfilled. Matt 27:34.
His garments being parted, and lots cast for his vesture. Ps 22:18.
Fulfilled. Matt 27:35.
His being numbered with the transgressors. Is 53:12.
Fulfilled. Mark 15:28.
His intercession for His murderers. Is 53:12.
Fulfilled. Luke 23:34.
His death. Is 53:12.
Fulfilled. Matt 27:50.
That a bone of him should not be broken. Ex 12:46; Ps 34:20.
Fulfilled. John 19:33,36.
His being pierced. Zech 12:10.
Fulfilled. John 19:34,37.
His being buried with the rich. Is 53:9.
Fulfilled. Matt 27:57–60.
His flesh not seeing corruption. Ps 16:10.
Fulfilled. Acts 2:31.
His resurrection. Ps 16:10; Is 26:19.
Fulfilled. Luke 24:6,31,34.
His ascension. Ps 68:18.
Fulfilled. Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9.
His sitting on the right hand of God. Ps 110:1.
Fulfilled. Heb 1:3.
His exercising the priestly office in heaven. Zech 6:13.
Fulfilled. Rom 8:34.
His being the chief corner-stone of the Church. Is 28:16.

Fulfilled. 1 Pet 2:6,7.

His being King in Zion. Ps 2:6.

Fulfilled. Luke 1:32; John 18:33–37.

The conversion of the Gentiles to him. Is 11:10; 42:1.

Fulfilled. Matt 1:17,21; John 10:16; Acts 10:45,47.

His righteous government. Ps 45:6,7.

Fulfilled. John 5:30; Rev 19:11.

His universal dominion. Ps 72:8; Dan 7:14.

Fulfilled. Phil 2:9,11.

The perpetuity of his kingdom. Is 9:7; Dan 7:14.

Fulfilled. Luke 1:32,33.1

(v26) *Our God wants to BLESS YOU!*