

ACTS - FROM RESURRECTION TO REVELATION

Lesson 8

Review: *The Church's Formation began with the following...*

- 1) The Foundation - *genuine salvation through repentance and faith*
- 2) The Framework - *doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread, prayers*
- 3) The Furnishings - *fervent, focused, fulfilled, and faithful folk that bore fruit*

The Church's Function In A World Filled With Hurt

I. Man's Tragedies Are God's Opportunities - Acts 3:1-5

A) We live in a world surrounded by the HURTING - vs. 1-2

1) Those who are hurting PHYSICALLY

2) Those who are hurting EMOTIONALLY

3) Those who are hurting SPIRITUALLY

4) All who hurt, hurt because of INIQUITY

- * The curse of original sin
- * The consequence of one's own sin
- * The caustic effects of a world corrupted by sin

B) We should see the hurts with a sense of God's SOVEREIGNTY

1) Man's tragedies are God's OPPORTUNITIES - Luke 5:31

2) God's opportunities are our RESPONSIBILITIES

- * Revealed to the soul-conscious
- * Revealed to the soul-compassionate
- * Revealed to the soul-convincer

C) We should address the hurts with the Eternal HOPE

1) Not with man's hope in MAN - vs. 3

2) Not with man's hope in MONEY - vs. 4-5

II. Man's Tragedies Are God's Strategies - Acts 3:6-11

A) All who lay hold of the Hope are made WHOLE - vs. 6-7

B) All who are made whole are made to WALK - vs. 8a

C) All who are made to walk, are made to WORSHIP - vs. 8b

D) All who are made to worship, are made a WITNESS - vs. 9-12