

**Sunday, May 13, 2007**

**Acts 3. 1-9**

**Acts 3:1-9** And on the same *day* Peter and John went up into the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour*. And a certain man, who was lame from his mother's womb, was being carried. And they laid him daily at that temple gate which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered into the temple. Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked *to receive* alms. And fastening his eyes on him, Peter with John said, Look on us! And he paid heed to them, expecting to receive something from them. **But Peter said, Silver and gold have I none, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!** And taking him by the right hand, he lifted *him* up. And immediately his feet and ankle-bones received strength. And leaping up, he stood and walked and entered with them into the temple, walking and leaping and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God.

### **What do I have to offer those in need?**

When I read this piece of Scripture, the one prominent thing I find is that neither Peter nor John had what the man asked for. This poor man looked to these two disciples with the hope of receiving some money to take care of his needs. But, as Peter said, they had no money, but what they had to give was worth more. What they had to give was exceeding this poor beggar's greatest expectation.

It made me think about us modern day human beings. We find ourselves so often looking at the fact that we do not have the means to do good to others. We say that it would be wonderful if we could get some extra money to give to the poor. If only we had the gift or knowledge to bring healing, then we would be able to do so much more for those in need. But, because we do not have these gifts, we feel that we are thus exempted from doing anything. This is not true. Here we find two poor fishermen walking towards the temple, with nothing to give, except what Jesus had given them. Did we not receive the same?

As we go round the world today, we find a vast amount of people walking around with great pain, and sorrow in their lives. They find themselves overwhelmed by their circumstances, and with broken spirits, begging for just some hope and assistance to help them with their pain. But we can do so much more than just give temporary relieve of pain, for we can give them Spiritual healing. If we are faithful like Peter and John, and take Jesus to those who need Him, Jesus himself will make the miracle happen. Within you, you have the power to change lives of those who need comfort. You have received Jesus. We can only experience the true joy of having Jesus, when we share Him with others. What will you do with Jesus today? Let us share His gospel, and tell about His love. Allow Jesus to make use of us to bring healing and peace to a world in need. You have the power to go out there, and make a difference in the lives of others, and by doing it, they will go out into the world, praising God, leaping and joyfully singing His praises. We saw the example of Peter, go and do likewise.

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