

## **UNSTOPPABLE: Daring to Be the Church On Mission**

Lesson Eight • Acts 3:1-26

### **What the Church Has to Offer**

#### **Does the Church Have Anything to Offer to the World?**

Yes, because of Jesus Christ we have something essential and eternal to offer to the world—the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ.

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### **1. Peter Said to the LAME MAN: “What I Have I Give You!”**

*Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.” So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Acts 3:1-5*

#### **“Silver and Gold I Do Not Have”**

The lame man did not get what he WANTED—he got something far better in the name of Jesus Christ.

*Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. Acts 3:6-8*

#### **The Tension Between What People Want and What People Need:**

In IGNORANCE people want what they think they want, but in reality they need something far better, something only found in the Gospel.

*“But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses...Yet now, brethren, I know that you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers.” Acts 3:14-15, 17*

### **2. The Church Says to the LOST WORLD: “What We Have We Give You!”**

*And all the people saw him walking and praising God. Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed. So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: Acts 3:9-12*

#### **What We Offer in the Gospel of Jesus Christ:**

- We offer the promise of total FORGIVENESS in the Gospel.

*“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out...” Acts 3:19*

- We offer the promise of spiritual REFRESHMENT in the Gospel.

*“...so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.” Acts 3:19*

- We offer the promise of universal RESTORATION in the Gospel.

*“and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.” Acts 3:20-21*

#### **How Do We Receive These Promises in the Gospel?**

We must REPENT of our sins and BELIEVE in Jesus Christ.

*“And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong.” Acts 3:16*

*“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out...” Acts 3:19*

*“You are the sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’*

*To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities.” Acts 3:25-26*

#### **How Do You View the Church?**

Do you really believe that we have something to offer to the world—something that's essential and eternal in the Gospel?

And are you willing to offer it to the lost world you come in contact with?