The Healer Behind the Healing PASTOR MIKE YODER • ACTS 3-4





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Clarity on the Gospel: a confidence in understandably summarizing the good news from God



Contact with unbelievers: genuine relational connections with people who aren't yet saved



Compassion for human needs: eyes to see and a heart to respond to the places people hurt



Courage to speak good news: a resolve to seek out opportunities to speak the Gospel message



The Healing Event (3:1–10)



The Healing Explanation (3:11-18)





People usually come within the sound of the Gospel in order to avail themselves of the power of God for personal needs. But they stay because they know Christianity is the truth.

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Mercy ministries commend the Gospel, but they share it with no one. To be evangelism, the Gospel must be clearly communicated.





People need to see the depth of their sin so that they come to a fuller understanding of the depth of God's grace.





By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through Him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

Acts 3:16



The Invitation from the Apostles (3:19–26)



Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

Acts 3:19



and that He may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.





GOD: created every human in His image, loves us, and makes each of us accountable to Him.





MAN (Humanity): all of us have rebelled against God, which is sin, and therefore each of us stands under God's rightful condemnation.

Gospel Summary



CHRIST: Jesus is God's intervention in a fallen world. Through His perfect life, death as our substitute, and resurrection in power, God offers us salvation.

Gospel Summary



RESPONSE: each person is called to respond to God's salvation offer through repentance and faith. The result is the forgiveness of sin, the gift of the Holy Spirit, inclusion in God's people, and the guarantee of eternal life.

Gospel Summary



If anything is needed in Christian witness today, it is boldness. We don't need bigger music ministries, longer prayer walks, or nicer church foyers. We need boldness.





the apostles to the Christ.

The most remarkable feature of Peter's second sermon, as of his first, is its Christ-centeredness. He directed the crowd's attention away from both the healed cripple and

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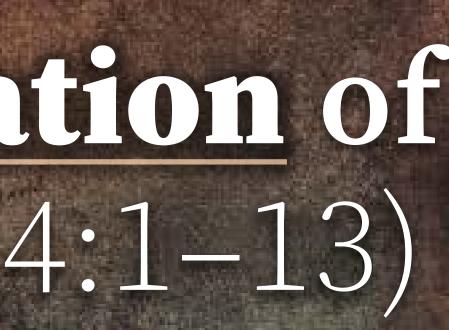


The Gospel is always good news. But for that good news to be relevant we must often present the bad news of people's sin and warn them of its consequences.

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The Interrogation of the Apostles (4:1-13)





But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of My name.





And so you will bear testimony to Me.







But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves.





For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.





Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.





When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

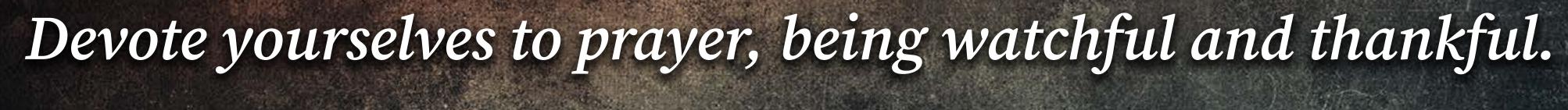




What we need are people who speak out of the fullness of the Spirit and out of a knowledge of the Scriptures.

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And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.







Colossians 4:4



Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

Colossians 4:5



Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Colossians 4:6



God shows His power so that you might receive His blessing.

