“Jesus, Fount of Every Blessing” Acts 3:11-26

LEARN

1. Read Acts 3:11–16. Peter redirects the crowd's attention away from the miracle and the apostles and toward Jesus. What do we learn about who Jesus is, and why does Peter emphasize these particular descriptions of Him?

2. Read Acts 3:17–21. Peter acknowledges that the people acted in ignorance, but he does not excuse their sin. What do we learn about God's sovereignty and faithfulness from these verses?

3. Read Acts 3:22–26. Peter calls Moses, Samuel, and Abraham as witnesses to demonstrate that the Old Testament Scriptures point to Jesus. What does each testify about Christ, and what does this teach us about God's promises?

PRACTICE

1. Peter identifies two big errors: making the miracle the focus or making the miracle workers the focus. The vital thing is what the miracle points to. In light of that, how are you doing in your daily walk with Christ regarding focusing on the Gift Giver rather than the gifts or the conduit of the gifts?

2. Peter tells the crowd, in effect, "Do not look at us, look at Him!" Sometimes we can be tempted to draw attention to ourselves rather than Jesus? What would it practically look like this week to redirect attention to Christ?

3. Peter explains that through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, our sins are blotted out and we experience the refreshing presence of the Lord. How should the forgiveness we have received in Christ shape our joy, gratitude, and daily walk with Him?

4. How should our prayer life reflect an understanding of our need to keep the Gospel in focus and depend upon God's grace to turn us from sin?

5. Peter's message eventually provokes opposition from the authorities because the devil cannot stand the exaltation and proclamation of Christ. On a scale of 1–10, where would you place your commitment to Christ if following Him required giving up something valuable in your life?

CHANGE

1. Peter calls his hearers to “repent therefore and turn back,” reminding us that true repentance involves both a “change of mind” and a “change of life.” What sin, unbelief, or wrong perspective have you been excusing or holding on to that Christ is calling you to turn from?

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3. How should the assurance of God's forgiveness change the way we respond when we recognize sin in our lives?

Prayer: Consider spending time rejoicing in the Gospel and identifying the things in your life that seem to eclipse Christ and rob you of joy and peace with Him.
Suggested prayer prompts:
Psalm 19:13–14 "Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer."

1. Where have I been focusing more on the gifts of God than on God Himself?
2. What sin, unbelief, or wrong perspective do I need to repent of and turn away from?
3. Am I living in the freedom and joy of the forgiveness Christ has secured for me?
4. What competing priorities are keeping me from worshiping, walking, and working for Christ?
5. Who in my life needs to hear about the forgiveness and refreshing that are found in Jesus?

Weekly Activity: Continue praying about the things in your life that seem to eclipse the Gospel and rob you of joy and peace with Christ. Ask the Lord to redirect your attention to Jesus, deepen your repentance, and help you live in light of the blessings that flow from Him.