

Acts - Part 1

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I. Introduction.

II. Peter had no money to give to the man asking, but he offered healing in Jesus' name.

A. People do not know their real needs - God lead Peter to meet the man's real need.

B. We want a burden to meet people's real needs.

C. The Devil immediately tried to go to work on Peter.

1. The Devil wanted Peter to take the credit.

2. Peter however gave God the credit and used it as an opportunity to tell about Jesus.

D. Jesus healed this man just as he has healed many of some pretty tough things.

III. Man declared himself independent of God, but man was created for God. (Acts 10:43, Isaiah 53:5-6)

IV. Peter preached to repent and be converted that sins might be blotted out. (Acts 15:9)

A. The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked.

B. The heart can only be made clean through Jesus Christ by faith.

V. The Pharisees were guilty of hypocrisy and the Sadducees were guilty of denying the resurrection - Christ's resurrection in Acts puts them at the forefront of the struggle.

VI. The jail experience. (Acts 5:17)

A. The message again was repentance and forgiveness.

B. Obedience was demanded because Jesus was the King of kings and Lord of lords.

C. May God give us the grit to stand up and do something He is asking us to do.

D. It is not easy for a man to give up all right to himself in light of Jesus' Lordship, but it is the most blessed thing to do.

Application questions

1. What was the content of Peter's gospel message?

2. How does the Devil try to nullify the work of an evangelist?

3. What would you tell someone who is afraid of witnessing? What Scripture would you use to challenge them?
