

# THE POWER OF A CHANGED LIFE

## The Name That Changes Everything

ACTS 3:9-16

*But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. Acts 3:6-8*

### DOES GOD HEAL PEOPLE TODAY?

1. We believe the spiritual sign gift of healing given to individuals ceased in the apostolic era.
2. We believe God can, and does, heal people today through supernatural and secular means.
3. We believe God hears our prayers for healing and chooses to answer those, within the bounds of His will, with immediate or ultimate healing.

### I. A changed life \_\_\_\_\_ with faith in Jesus for the forgiveness of sin.

*"The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all." vv. 13-16*

### II. A changed life \_\_\_\_\_ on the power of God, not personal piety.

*While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?" vv. 11-12*

### III. A changed life \_\_\_\_\_ the power of God so others might see Him.

*And all the people saw him walking and praising God, and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. vv. 9-10*

\_\_\_\_\_ His name  
in a way that reflects His power.

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LIFE *Home Group Discussion*

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read Acts 3:9-16. 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 man and the apostles to the Christ. What vital points did Peter make in his sermon to the crowd?



"The Author of life is also translated as Prince of life, Pioneer of life and Guide of life. The creative power of God, the divine Logos, the Word of life, is the same One who came in the Messiah Jesus. The Greek word *archēgós* is used. It means author, the one who is the instigator, who takes a lead, but most of all, who is the first occasion of anything—the uncreated Creator, the unmoved Mover, the uncaused Cause. It was through Christ that all things were made (Jn 1:3)! And Christ was not only the cause of salvation through the Cross; He became our salvation."

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2. Look at each of the titles Peter gives to Jesus. How do each of these speak to the uniqueness of Jesus?

3. How do these name of Jesus reflect the changes He has made in your own life?

4. How is the lame beggar in this passage an illustration of what salvation is like?

5. What parts of Peter's sermon might you include when you explain the gospel to unbelievers you know?

6. How has this sermon given you a new perspective on how you can represent the name of Jesus? How will you reflect to the world the ways He has changed your life?

#### A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

"Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."

For more about what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/nextsteps](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/nextsteps).

## COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

**DISASTER RELIEF MEETING** Part of our mission for BE, MAKE and REACH is to step into the needs that arise in our community and nation. Our Disaster Relief team actively supports people impacted by natural disasters, and you can easily be a part of this incredible work. On Sunday, April 23, join us for a conversation with the Disaster Relief team as they share more about seeing God's hand in their ministry. Whether you want to volunteer or hear more about Christ Chapel's heart for outreach, visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/relief](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/relief) to learn more.

**TOPICS IN PARENTING** Today's culture has a lot of confusion around the topic of identity and sexuality. As the people of God, we want to have the tools to speak into that confusion with truth and love. How do we love the way Jesus loves? How does grace not become something that enables people to stay in sin? Whether you're navigating parenting in this culture or you're someone who wants answers to these questions, join us on Saturday, April 29 and hear an incredible talk with Dr. Christopher Yuan. As a renowned speaker and author, Dr. Yuan will give us insight into this topic through the lens of the gospel. Learn more and find registration by visiting [www.ccbcfamily.org/parenting](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/parenting).

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** We'll be setting aside an hour on Thursday, May 4 to pray from noon to 1 p.m. Whether you join us here on campus or decide to set aside an hour throughout the day to go before the Lord personally, we'll be praying for our church, city and nation. Find details today by visiting [www.ccbcfamily.org/qdop](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/qdop).

**AVENEW WEEKEND** From dating and engaged couples to newly married, join us for the AVENEW weekend conference on Friday and Saturday, May 19-20. In just two days, receive a biblical framework of marriage and tools for walking out God's purpose for your relationship. Learn more and sign up today by visiting [www.ccbcfamily.org/avenew](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/avenew).

**ELDER PRAYER** God does extraordinary things when we go to Him in prayer, and we're excited to announce a time for us to do just that with the Elders and their wives! Whether it's simply an encouragement, or we seek God together for healing, this will be an impactful and intentional time with our leadership. Be a part of this special afternoon on Sunday, May 21 at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

**MUSICAMP** From catchy songs to choreography your children can have a week full of dancing, singing and discovering the fun of making music! By the end of the week, they'll even put on an entire musical. From the professional musicians and exceptional volunteers to the children in Grades 1-6, everyone will be tapping their feet to the beat. Find registration and locations at [www.ccbcfamily.org/musicamp](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/musicamp).



**LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD?** Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

**IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE.** The process is quick and easy—text CCBCONLINE to 833-422-7200 to get started.