

THE POWER OF A CHANGED LIFE

The Message of a Changed Life

ACTS 3:17-26

I. **REJECTION:** We all start out _____ of God.

"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers." v. 17

II. **REDEMPTION:** God _____ us back only in Christ as promised.

"But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled." v. 18

III. **RESTORATION:** God's _____ is available only in Christ as promised.

"Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you, and it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.' And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness." vv. 19-26

IV. _____ !

"Repent therefore, and turn back ..." v. 19

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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. How can knowledge of the Old Testament build our faith in Christ? If you're not sure, how can you become more familiar with the Old Testament?

2. Read Acts 3:17-26. Because the Jews "acted in ignorance" when they disowned and killed Jesus, God will give them a second chance to repent (v. 17). What will happen if they repent (vv. 19-21)?



"Learn this lesson:

not to trust Christ because you repent; but trust Christ to make you repent; not to come to Christ because you have a broken heart; but to come to Him that He may give you a broken heart; not to come to Him because you are fit to come, but to come to Him because you are unfit to come. Your fitness is your unfitness. Your qualification is your lack of qualification."

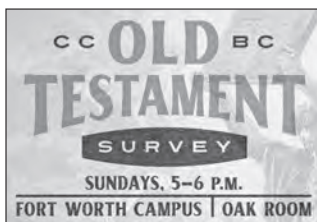
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3. How did the sermon help your understanding of this passage in Acts?

4. What can we learn about God through Peter's approach to explaining the truth?

5. What have you learned about repentance from this passage that encourages your walk with Jesus or boosts your confidence as you talk about Him with others?

6. The pastor pointed out that "only in Christ as promised" did you come to salvation. Talk to the Lord for a time about what this means to you.



Video classes and handouts at ccbcfamily.org/sermon/old-testament-survey

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.cbcfamily.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.cbcfamily.org/events.

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.cbcfamily.org/ndop.

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.cbcfamily.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. Find registration and locations at www.cbcfamily.org/musicamp.

BAND OF BROTHERS: THE GODLY MAN'S PICTURE Are you looking to grow in your understanding of what it means to be a godly man? Come to Band of Brother's *The Godly Man's Picture*, a six-week study series where we will dive into the lives of six different characters from the Bible. Through exploring their stories, we will discover biblical principles for displaying and defining the image of God in our own lives. This series is designed to equip men with practical tools to live out their faith with courage and impact. Find dates, locations and registration at www.cbcfamily.org/bob.

BE, MAKE AND REACH WITH LIVE PRODUCTION If you have experience and interest in live production and camera operation, we'd love to chat with you about volunteering with our Production Team. Get the conversation started by visiting [@christchapelproduction](https://www.instagram.com/christchapelproduction) on Instagram, and send us a message today!

KIDS MINISTRY: SUMMER REFRESHER Are you looking for a Be, Make and Reach opportunity this summer? Join our Summer Refresher Team and help so many of our dedicated Kids Ministry volunteers have a couple Sundays off. When you serve with Kids Ministry, you'll have the opportunity to build into the next generation, proclaim the gospel to eager hearts and serve our church family! Register today by visiting www.cbcfamily.org/refresh.



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.