

Series: Great Gospel Invitations
"The Second Gospel Sermon" # 16
Acts 3:12-18
7-29-18 Sun AM

I continue in this series having shared some great Gospel invitations from Jesus in the gospels. This morning I continue to move to the book of Acts looking at Sermons by Peter, Phillip, and Paul.

Last week we expounded Acts 2:1-12 we saw the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the church as promised by Jesus after his ascension. Then Acts 2:14-21 Peter explains what happened.

We saw **The Sermon by Peter (2:22-36)**. Peter Preached Jesus as God, crucified, raised from the dead, and now exalted as both Lord and Christ.

Secondly we saw **the Response of the People (2:37-41)**. The people were convicted and converted- repentance and faith.

TT- In our text today Peter preaches Christ and presents four Messianic names of our Lord, and their rejection of Him as Messiah. **Truth-** We have the miracle (vs.1-12) then the message (vs. 13-26). **I focus on 3:13-18**

I. Jesus (3:13). "The Lord is salvation"

1. The God of our Fathers (3:13a).

(1). Term stresses the covenant to Israel. He claims this is the same God that the prophets preached and promised would come.

(2). The one true God is the God of the Bible. Today we live in a pluralistic society. Many nations under many Gods.

2. This God had one Son (3:13b).

(1). Glorified by exalting Him to the place of honor at His right hand (Phil 2:9-11).

(2). They Delivered Him up? (2:23).

(3). They denied Him. Pilate declared Him innocent 6 times, and tried to release Him. He gave into political pressure.

(4). Peter boldly confronts their sin. True Biblical preaching must state we are guilty before God. Unless we see our sin, we will not see the Savior.

II. Holy and Just One (3:14).

1. They denied the Holy One (3:14a).

Jesus was separated unto God. He was separated to do the Father's will.

The Bible says we are separated unto God. We are sanctified, we are being sanctified, and we will be sanctified. We have positional, practical, and perfect holiness. We are saints!

2. They denied the Just One (3:14b). “Righteous”

Jesus was innocent of any crime. They chose Barabbas which means “son of father.” Jesus was the son of the father. Pilate’s wife, the centurion, and Satan recognized Him, but they did not.

III. Prince of life (3:15-17). “Author”

1. Prince of life? (3:15).

He is the Author, originator, pioneer, or beginner. He is life, eternal life.

Not only is he life, but He is the source of life- physical and spiritual.

2. He gave life to the beggar (3:16).

Faith of Jesus and faith in His name. The N.T. gift of healing operated thru the faith of the healer, rather than the one healed.

Today they tell people they are not healed because of lack of faith.

3. Peter offers them forgiveness (3:17).

There deed was inexcusable because they had proof- the words and works of Jesus, His death and resurrection. Yet none were beyond the reach of God’s grace.

They were looking for a militant political Messiah, God sent them a meek spiritual Messiah. They were looking for a ruler, God sent them a redeemer.

IV. Christ (3:18). “Messiah or Anointed One”

1. God uses evil intentions to fulfill His plan.

They did not alter or thwart God’s plan. Life makes no sense apart from the sovereignty of God.

2. We see how to present the gospel.

Before the good news of salvation and forgiveness in Christ, we must present the bad news that men are sinners and they must repent (v.19a), and be converted (vs.19b-24).