

## “RESTORING” (ACTS 3)

### READING: PSALM 103:3

“Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your diseases”

### INTRODUCTION:

The miracles done by Jesus and others done in His name, were recorded for the benefit of successive generation of believers, to edify their faith in Jesus Christ, as the Son of the living God (**John 6:69**)

These miracles primarily benefitted the ones healed from their various physical afflictions, as well as spreading the good news that through Jesus, all could obtain a restoration of a healthy relationship with God (**John 14:6**)

### DISCUSSION:

The “restorations” recorded in this 3rd chapter of the book of Acts included three things:

- a) The healing of a lame man
  - 1) The fact that this man was lame from birth, showed his utter dependence on others, both for his transportation as well as his monetary income.
  - 2) Having his ability “restored” meant that he and others would rejoice at his healing but now new challenges (like his dependence on others being removed) would have to be seen to.
- b) The relationship between man and God
  - 1) The healing of the impotent man occasioned an opportunity for Peter to tell people through Whom the lame man was healed, and that everyone else could likewise have a restored relationship with God through Jesus Christ.
  - 2) This was predicted, many years before through Moses, and God made choice that this man (the Messiah) would be the only solution for anyone wanting a restored relationship with God (regardless of the way such relationship became severed)
- c) The restoration of all things when Jesus comes again.
  - 1) The final restoration will happen when Jesus returns (**Hebrews 9:28; Romans 8:20-23; Acts 3:19-21**)

### CONCLUSION:

Peter’s sermon, regarding restored and healthy relations with God, was occasioned by the healing of an impotent man. Peter however, based the thrust of his second sermon on this event, proclaiming that Jesus is the One who could accomplish what would seem impossible to man

(**Luke 1:37; 18:27**)

What prevents you from trusting this powerful and loving Saviour?  
(for Whom nothing is impossible)