

SERMON NOTES

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Use the Name of Jesus (Part 2) Acts 3:1-16

Mary and John had no other option but name the child Jesus – Matthew 1:21

The scripture of Acts 3 begins with stating a "certain man" was lame from the womb. It was a daily routine for him to be carried, until a man, to the doors of the Beautiful temple for the purpose of begging for alms. As he lay, Peter and John walked by and asked for his attention. He turned expecting to receive something, such as silver and gold. But instead of silver and gold Peter could only offer *the name of Jesus*.

IN USING THE NAME OF JESUS:

We Must Have an Association with the Name (v6)

- Peter did not have silver or gold; he had something better the Name of Jesus.
- Seven Sons of Sceva were not ASSOCIATED with the Name (Acts 19)

We must have the authority to use the name. Does Jesus know us? If we are using the name of Jesus our life and Jesus must be intertwined. He must know us.

There is Action Required by the Name (v7)

- Faith demands action.
- Faith without works is dead. James 2

"Act as though you believe what you are praying for is going to happen." – Pastor Billy R. Johnson.

Authority is Invested in the Name (v7)

In the Jewish mindset, the name of an individual stood for all that a person was

- The action is already there because the authority is already in the name.
- By calling on the "name of Jesus Christ," Peter was calling on Christ's power and authority.

Faith Gives You Access to the Name (v16)

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, and if we begin to expect something, we activate the faith that brings **hope**.

Results Come Because of His Name (v7; v16)

- The man's feet and anklebones, which to this point had never been able to support him, were healed and strengthened.
- The description here depicts a complete healing.