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The Results of Pentecost

Acts 3

Story Must Be Seen Thru Acts 2....

**The Day of Pentecost was a Very Dynamic Day for the Church
Jesus went Up – Holy Ghost Came Down – Church Went Out!**

- **Holy Ghost Not Given Just to Feel Good**
 - **Pentecost –reproduces and flows outside of church walls**
- **Holy Ghost Given for Power to:**
 - **Evangelize**
 - **Fight**
 - **Press On !**
- **Timing**
 - **They Were On Way to Pray**



The Beggar

- **Lame** (2) *And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms*
- **Loved** (2) *He was hopeless in his condition. He had to solely depend on those who loved him enough to carry him to the gate.*
- **Looking** (2-3) *And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple... to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; ³ Who seeing Peter/ John...asked an alms.*
- **Lacking** (4-5) *And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. ⁵ And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.*



Beautiful Gate

Of the Temple gates Josephus writes that ‘nine were completely overlaid with gold and silver, as were also their door-posts; but one, that outside the sanctuary, was of Corinthian bronze, and far exceeded in value those plated with silver and set in gold’

•It was Larger than the Other Gates:

- **50 cubits in height (the others 40)**
- **its weight was so great that it took 20 men to move it**
- **Its massiveness and magnificence, earned the name “Beautiful”**

•The sun would rise over the eastern mtns. And this entrance to the temple was dazzlingly brilliant! And worth a fortune...but Laying at it is this man who is Marred, Disfigured, Distorted, Outcast

- **Beautiful** -*belonging to the right hour or season (timely)*

Prayer Time Importance

**The Jewish Day Began at 6 o'clock in the Morning...
...Ended at 6 o'clock in the Evening.**

- **For the Devout Jew = 3 Special Hours of Prayer**
 - **9 am**
 - **12 midday**
 - **3 pm**
- **Prayer was an Important Part of a Their Communion with God**

Pentecost Produces

Expectancy (3-5)

Expectancy Produces Hope In Hopelessness

...no walk 40 yrs.

It was Three O'clock in the Afternoon, they are on Way to Pray

- **Special Significance = the Hour Jesus had Died on the Cross...**
...the hour at which he had cried, *“it is finished.”* (John 19:30)
- **Peter Stopped and Said to Him, “Look at us!”**
...This man expected to receive something from Peter and John.
- **He had Hope in His Hopelessness**



Pentecost Produces Healing (6-7)

“Silver and Gold have I none.”

- **Actually- Silver / Gold Only Fed the Symptom**

“In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, arise and walk.”

- **He Needed a Touch from God- to Attack the Source**

“he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength”

- **He Needed More than words- Help for the Helpless**

“Immediately ankles received Strength”

- **Gk= rec’v. strength...solidify, establish, Covenant**
- **Dr. Luke..used Medical Terms...**

...Something out of place coming together into Socket



Pentecost Produces Joy (8)

“So he, leaping up, stood/ walked / entered the temple with them...walking, leaping, and praising God.”

The Man Who Had Never Walked Leaped / Didn't Quit Leaping.

- He had been healed in more ways than one
- Not only healed, but joy flooded his soul.
- Because someone cared enough to reach out to him.

What Did This Mean to Him?

- It meant now that he could walk, work, live a full life.
- Now he could live in communion with God every day

Pentecost Produces Wonder (9-10)



“And all the people saw him walking / praising God. (10) Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.”

There was an Immediate Two-fold Effect

The People were...

- **Convinced that it was God at Work**
- **Prepared to Listen to the Explanation**
- **Setup for Peter’s Second Sermon**

