



**Aug 10 - 16**

**Date:** August 9, 2015  
**Speaker:** David Powell  
**Title:** The Message of The Church  
**Scripture:** Acts 3:11-26

Listen, watch, or read the sermon on the website if you missed it. Turn to the back for an outline of the sermon.

1. Discuss anything that jumped out at you in your private devotions this week.
2. In your own words, restate the three part message that Pastor David drew from this passage.
  1. What does each add to the previous and how does it represent the heart of a believer?
  2. Discuss the damage that would occur from any one of these three elements being missing in your life.
3. Peter spoke with grace and truth when he presented the Jews with their heinous sin as he addressed them in Solomon's Portico. Read vv 11-15.
  1. What do you do, or what can you do, to regularly face your own sin without simply overlooking it or presuming upon God's kindness to forgive you? See 1 John 1:9 and Rom 2:3-5.
  2. Do you think it is important to help your children recognize their sin and go to God seeking forgiveness and restoration regularly? See Psalm 51:10-12 and remember 1 John 1:9 from above.
    1. How do you, or how can you, accomplish this?
4. Peter presented Jesus as the means to forgiveness and restoration. Read vv 16-18
  1. Peter had to explain what authority and who's power was at work in the healing of the lame man.
    1. Consider the difference in how the young ruler sought to acquire hope vs how blind Bartimaeus sought to acquire hope in Mark 10:17-22, 46-52.
    2. What means does Peter offer for someone to acquire the hope that is offered in Christ? How do we practically live like Bartimaeus rather than the rich young ruler in seeking hope?
5. Peter had one instruction for those in the crowd who would recognize their sin and see the hope offered in Christ. Read vv 19-26.
  1. What does repenting and turning to God (for the first time or daily) look like? Consider these questions in discussing what repentance should look like in our lives.
    1. Do we acknowledge the heinousness of our sin that killed the author of life (Psalm 51:3-5)?
    2. Do we maintain a hope that rests only upon Christ and his righteousness (Phil 3:9)?
    3. Do we present ourselves to God, seeking forgiveness and restoration of our communion with him (Rom 6:13)?
  4. Do we walk forward in faith with a devotion to honor God, hating what he hates (Rom 12:1-2, 9)?



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**Sermon Idea:** “Repent of your rebellion against God and turn to Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins.”

**I. We must face the problem of our rebellion against God. (vv 11-15)**

**II. We have hope in the gospel of Christ. (vv 16-18)**

- A. Jesus has conquered the power of sin over us. (v 16)
- B. Our ignorance in the past can't keep us from God's grace today. (vv 17-18)

**III. We must respond to God's provision for our forgiveness. (vv 19-26)**

“repent” means to change one’s mind

“turn again” means to return to God

“blotted out” means to completely wipe away; to erase from memory