

GOD VALIDATES PETER'S MESSAGE

Peter's Signs and Wonders

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Acts 9:32-43

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Outline:

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| 1) The Witness to Jerusalem | Acts 1:1-8:3 |
| 2) The Witness to Judea and Samaria | Acts 8:4-12:24 |
| 3) The Witness to the Ends of the Earth | Acts 12:25-21:14 |
| 4) From Jerusalem to Rome | Acts 21:15-28:31 |

Theme of Acts:

Acts 1:8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be **My witnesses** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Key Verse: Acts 9:34 Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed." Immediately he got up.

Theme: God gave Peter the power to perform miracles in order to validate the messenger and give authority to his message.

How did the growth in the church begin?

What was the message of their preaching? Acts 2:22-38

God: _____

You/Man _____

Jesus Christ _____

Responsibility _____

How were the credentials of the messenger confirmed and their message validated?

Who received the message and how was unity maintained in the church?

Means of the Expansion of the Gospel in Acts

<u>Chap</u>	<u>Messenger</u>	<u>Audience</u>	<u>Validation</u>
1-5	Peter & apostles	Jews in Jerusalem	healed a man lame from birth
6-7	Stephen	Hellenistic Jews	great signs and wonders
8	Philip	Samaritan/ Ethiopian	unclean spirit, paralyzed, lame healed
9	Paul	Jews in Damascus	Jesus commissioned as apostle to Gentiles
10-11	Peter	Gentiles in Caesarea	God given vision
13-28	Paul		

I. The Miraculous Healing

9:32-35

- 1. Peter travelled to Lydda to encourage the believers outside of Jerusalem.**
- 2. Peter met a man who was paralyzed and confined to a bed for eight years.**
- 3. Jesus Christ healed the man's paralysis completely and immediately.**
- 4. People from Lydda and Sharon repented and believed in Jesus Christ.**

II. The Miraculous Resurrection

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- 1. Peter travelled to Joppa by invitation based on his reputation.**
- 2. Peter answered their urgent request by leaving with them immediately.**
- 3. Peter prayed for the Lord to resurrect Dorcas.**
- 4. People from Joppa repented and believed in Jesus Christ.**

V. Application

- 1. Understand the purpose for the miraculous healings in the book of Acts, they were to authenticate the messenger and validate his message.**

2 Peter 1:16-19

- 2. Understand the message of the gospel. Make sure you are able to share the gospel with others.**

1 Peter 3:15

- 3. Be available to serve the Lord in the opportunities He gives you.**

1 Peter 4:1-2

1 Peter 4:1-2 Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

Matthew 10:5-8 These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: “Do not go in *the* way of *the* Gentiles, and do not enter *any* city of the Samaritans; 6but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7“And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ 8“Heal *the* sick, raise *the* dead, cleanse *the* lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.

John 14:11-12 11“Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because **of the works themselves**. 12“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.

John 15:26-27 26“When **the Helper** comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify about Me, 27and you will testify** also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

Luke 24:43-49 43and He took it and ate *it* before them. 44Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which **are written about Me** in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” 45Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the **Christ would suffer and rise again** from the dead the third day, 47and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48“*You are witnesses of these things.* 49“*And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.*”