



# Walking in the Word

## Blessed Hope

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#### **Acts 4.7-12**

<sup>7</sup>They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: “By what power or what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup>If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup>then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

<sup>11</sup>Jesus is “‘the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’ <sup>12</sup>Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

#### **Here is the lesson Peter knows now:**

If you want to be close to Jesus but attempt to blend into the crowd, you will more than likely deny the Lord when you are called out or questioned.

#### **Why? How? Does he respond differently this time?**

<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people!

**What is a Full Gospel Church?** One that is empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit that believes and proclaims ALL THE GOSPEL: Jesus still saves, Jesus still fills, Jesus still heals, and Jesus is still coming.

#### **1. Jesus Still Saves**

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#### **1 John 1.9**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**But keep in mind that Peter is preaching to a religious audience.**

**Yes, it is possible to lose your way as a follower of God.**

#### **Jesus is the missionary:**

<sup>12</sup>Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

***Jesus still Saves!***

#### **2. Jesus Still Fills**

<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel.

## **Do you remember the event when you were baptized in water?**

### **Acts 4.29-31**

<sup>29</sup> Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. <sup>30</sup> Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." <sup>31</sup> After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

### **Power for Bold Witnessing.**

*Jesus still saves, Jesus still fills.*

### **3. Jesus Still Heals**

<sup>7</sup> They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

### **Healing is cemented in the gospel of Jesus Christ:**

#### **Direct Result of this healing:**

<sup>14</sup> And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

### **Philippians 2.9-10**

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*Jesus still saves, Jesus still fills, and Jesus still heals.*

### **4. Jesus is still coming.**

### **Acts 3.19-20**

<sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, <sup>20</sup> and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. <sup>21</sup> Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

### ***Here are the straightforward implications of the Blessed Hope:***

- ◆ My bodily death here on earth, my spirit is immediately ushered into God's presence.
- ◆ The imminent return of Christ is that Jesus will return and rapture His Church.
- ◆ The world will then begin to see God's judgment.
- ◆ Jesus invites us into His work by calling us to make disciples of all nations.