

The Three Fold Apostolic Witness II

REVIEW

1. Jesus Grants them the Eyewitness of His Resurrection
2. Jesus Opens the Scriptures to Them - **Law of Moses, Prophets and Psalms**
3. Jesus Promises them that He will send the Holy Ghost and Commands Them to Wait

Acts 1:1-4, 8

- 1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,
- 2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:
- 3 To whom also **he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:**
- 4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that **they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.**

8 **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Luke 24:36-49

- 36 And as they thus spake, **Jesus himself stood in the midst of them**, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.
- 37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and **supposed that they had seen a spirit.**
- 38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?
- 39 **Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.**
- 40 And when he had thus spoken, **he shewed them his hands and his feet.**
- 41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, **Have ye here any meat?**
- 42 And **they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.**
- 43 And **he took it, and did eat before them.**
- 44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were **written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.**
- 45 **Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,**
- 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved **Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:**
- 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
- 48 And **ye are witnesses of these things.**
- 49 And, **behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry (wait) ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.**

John 15:26-27

- 26 But **when the Comforter is come**, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, **he shall testify of me:**
- 27 And **ye also shall bear witness**, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

Acts 5:30-32

- 32 And **we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost**, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

Matthew 18:19-20

19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

FIRST SERMON OF THE EARLY CHURCH

1. THE WITNESS OF THE WORD

Acts 2:14-21 Peter Preaches from the Prophet Joel

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, **I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:**

18 And **on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:**

19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

❖ Joel 2:28-32

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Acts 2:25-28, 31 Peter Preaches from Psalms 16

25 For David speaketh concerning him, **I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:**

26 **Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:**

27 **Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.**

28 **Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.**

31 **He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ,** that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

❖ Psalms 16:8-11

8 I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Acts 2:34-36 Peter Preaches from Psalms 110

34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, **The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,**

35 **Until I make thy foes thy footstool.**

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

❖ Psalms 110:1

The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2. THE TESTIMONY OF THE EYEWITNESS

Acts 2:32-33

32 **This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.**

33 **Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted,** and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

3. THE TESTIMONY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – 3000 SOULS WERE ADDED TO THE KINGDOM AT 1ST SERMON

Acts 2:37-43

37 Now when they heard this, **they were pricked in their heart,** and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, **Men and brethren, what shall we do?**

38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

41 **Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.**

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and **many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.**

2ND SERMON OF THE EARLY CHURCH – IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MAN RAISED FROM 40 YR INFIRMITY

1. THE TESTIMONY OF THE EYEWITNESS

Acts 3:12-19

12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, **the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus;** whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

15 **And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.**

16 **And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know:** yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

17 And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers.

18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

19 **Repent ye therefore, and be converted,** that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

2. THE WITNESS OF THE WORD

Acts 3:20-23

20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, **which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.**

22 **For Moses truly said unto the fathers,** A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

23 **And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.**

❖ Deuteronomy 18:15, 18-19

15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

Acts 3:24-26

24 **Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.**

25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, **And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.**

26 Unto you first God, **having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you,** in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

❖ Genesis 22:17-18

17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying **I will multiply thy seed** as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

18 And **in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;** because thou hast obeyed my voice.

❖ Galatians 3:16

16 **Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made.** He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And **to thy seed, which is Christ.**

3. THE TESTIMONY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – 5000 SOULS WERE ADDED TO THE KINGDOM AT 2nd SERMON

Acts 4:1-7

1 And as they spake unto the people, **the priests,** and the **captain of the temple,** and the **Sadducees,** came upon them,

2 **Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.**

3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

4 **Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.**

5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,

6 And **Annas the high priest,** and **Caiaphas,** and **John,** and **Alexander,** and **as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.**

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

Acts 4:8-10, 13-22, 29-33

8 **Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,**

9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;
10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, **whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead,** even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and **they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.**

14 And **beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.**

15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,

16 Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that **indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem;** and we cannot deny it.

17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.

18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

20 **For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.**

21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.

22 For **the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.**

29 **And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,**

30 **By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.**

31 And **when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.**

32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

33 And **with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus:** and great grace was upon them all.

HOLY SPIRIT MULTIPLICATION

Psalms 2:6-8

6 **Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.**

7 I will declare the decree: the **LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.**

8 **Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.**

❖ Acts 13:32-34

32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,

33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, **in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.**