

THE COMPELLING CHURCH

ACTS 3:1-16

I. A COMPELLING CHURCH MAKES A DEMONSTRATION

There is an attraction!

“...they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him” (V.10)

“...all the people were astonished and came running to them.” (V.11)

II. A COMPELLING CHURCH LIVES WITH EXPECTATION

“... Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? (V.12)

III. A COMPELLING CHURCH MAKES A CHRIST CONNECTION

“...Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?” (V.12)

” By faith in the name of Jesus, this man ...was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him...” (V.16)

IV. A COMPELLING CHURCH MAKES A DECLARATION

A Compelling Church declares:

A. CHRIST DISOWNED

“... you disowned him before Pilate... You disowned the Holy and Righteous One...” (V.13,14)

A Compelling Church declares:

B. CHRIST DISHONORED

“...You handed him over to be killed... and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life...” (V.13,14,15)

A Compelling Church declares:

C. CHRIST DIGNIFIED

“...The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob...has glorified his servant Jesus. ...God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.” (V.13,15)

CONCLUSION

We will be a compelling church lives will be transformed when we individually and collectively draw upon our faith powerfully and expectantly to give to the world what they need according to the Word of God and not merely what they want!



THE WORD

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The Preaching Ministry of Ashley River Baptist Church

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3:1 One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer-- at three in the afternoon. 2 Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money.

4 Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" 5 So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. 6 Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." 7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.

8 He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. 9 When all the people saw him walking and praising God, 10 they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

11 While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. 12 When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"

13 The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. 14 You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.

15 You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. 16 By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.