

/We will now begin our fourth lecture on Acts. /We will begin with Acts 2:29.

/2:29. Please read. /“Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day.

/David was an ancestor of the Jews. /Now, Peter was testifying about David. /It says that David's tomb was in Jerusalem at that time. /Here, Peter testified to Jesus while testifying to David.

/Verse 30. /But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne.

/It says that David is a prophet. /David believed in the coming Christ. /In addition, David was a forefather of Christ. /As a prophet, David realized that Christ would come in the future and inherit the crown forever. /2 Samuel 7:12-13

/Thus, it meant that Christ would be sent through David's descendants. /David believed in this and had hope. /Also, God prophesied through David.

/Verse 31. /Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay.

/David knew ahead of time that Christ would come. /In addition, he prophesied that Christ would not see decay. /It says, "he was not abandoned to the grave.”

/The grave in the Old Testament is “Sheol.” /The Sheol can refer to tomb, /the state of death, /and can also refer to hell. /In the context of this text, it refers to "tomb.”

/It says that Jesus would not decay in the tomb. /According to this prophecy, Jesus

resurrected after three days.

/Verse 32. /God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.

/Jesus' disciples were witnesses of Jesus' resurrection. /They witnessed Jesus' resurrection.
/They saw and heard of Jesus' resurrection.

/The disciples touched the risen Jesus. /They had confidence of the risen Jesus and witnessed this.

/Verse 33. /Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

/Jesus was exalted to the right hand of God. /He sent the Holy Spirit just as He had promised. /Jesus sent the promised Holy Spirit. /Jesus the Son comes from God the Father.

/The Son comes from the Father. /The Holy Spirit comes from the Father and the Son. /The Holy Spirit comes eternally from the Father and the Son.

/Verses 34-35. /For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “ ‘The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” ’

/This is a quote of Psalm 110:1. /It says, "the Lord said to my Lord." /This means that God the Father spoke to Christ. /The Father spoke to the Son.

/Hence, Christ is a descendant of David by flesh. /Yet, spiritually, Jesus would be David's Lord. /Jesus is David's descendant by flesh, /and is David's Lord spiritually.

/It also says, "until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." /This means that Christ

would conquer all enemies. /1 Corinthians 15:24-26 /Christ would trample over the enemies and have victory over them.

/It also says that Jesus is seated at the right hand of God. /The right hand of God is a glorious and important seat. /In this way, Jesus received glory.

/Verse 36. /“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

/Peter said to the Jews, "Jesus, whom you crucified." /He rebuked them, saying, “You are the ones who crucified Jesus." /The Jews killed Jesus. /However, God brought Jesus back to life.

/Verse 37. /When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

/The Jews heard Peter's sermon and rebuke. /They were cut to the heart. /They said, “What shall we do?” /To cut into their hearts meant that /surely, they felt guilt in their hearts.

/They felt pain in their hearts. /This is the heart of repentance. /Here, it says, “What shall we do? /This was a cry to God. /Acts 16:30 /They became aware of their sins.

/"We put Jesus to death on the cross!" /They were cut to the heart like this. /Then they repented. /This is a gentle heart.

/We must also have hearts like this when we hear God's word. /When we are rebuked, we must become aware of our sins and repent. /Then the Jews asked, “What shall we do?”

/Verse 38. /Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The

promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

/Peter taught them how to receive salvation. /Peter immediately led the people. /Peter said, “Believe in Jesus Christ. ” /He said, “Repent and believe in Jesus Christ.”

/He told them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. /Then, they would receive forgiveness of their sins. /"Baptized" here is not a condition of salvation. /Whoever believes receives salvation.

/"Baptism” means to cleanse. /Our sins are washed away when we believe in Jesus. /The Holy Spirit cleanses our hearts of sins. /Baptism of water is a sign that our sins have been washed away. /It is a sign that we believe in Jesus.

/Next, it says, "receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." /Believers receive the Holy Spirit by believing in Jesus. /They also receive spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit. /Therefore, it is important that we repent and receive salvation by believing in Jesus.

/Verse 39. /The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

/"Repentance" refers to a complete change of heart. /It is a change in character. /It means to abandon sin and unbelief. /It is to return to Christ.

/Repentance means to completely return to God. /The "promise" refers to the Holy Spirit that is given to those who believe. /Verse 33. /God also gives salvation to those who believe.

/To "receive the Holy Spirit" means to receive salvation. /The Holy Spirit saves us. /Next, "all who are far off" refer to foreigners.

/God calls people regardless of their nationalities. /This means that God gives the Holy Spirit to all those who call upon his name.

/Verse 40. /With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”

/Peter also warned them with many words. /He pleaded with them to receive salvation by repenting of their sins in this corrupt generation. /Then there would be peace and comfort.

/Verse 41. /Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

/Three thousand people were baptized at that time. /The number of people who believed in Jesus became three thousand. /At that time, they did not receive baptism by immersion, /but received baptism by sprinkling, which is the sprinkling of drops of water.

/Water baptism is a symbol that one has received the Holy Spirit. /In this way, many people were saved when Peter gave sermons.

/Verse 42. /They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

/The early church experienced a revival. /The appearance of the early church was ideal to the churches of the New Testament. /We too must follow the example of the early church.

/First, the early church received the teachings of the apostles. /Second, they had fellowship. /Third, they broke bread. /Fourth, they devoted themselves to prayer.

/Fifth, they sold their belongings and possessions and shared them with one another. /Sixth, they strived to gather at the temple with one heart.

/We will now study this in more detail. /First, they received the teachings of the apostles. /This meant that they learned about the Bible. /It is important to learn thoroughly about the Bible. /The apostles were people who learned directly from Jesus.

/Therefore, it was truly important to learn about the Bible through the apostles. /Timothy learned through Paul. /2 Timothy 3:14 /Paul taught at the church at Corinth.

/He taught at the church at Ephesus. /Acts 20:31. /We will be as we are taught. /Our faith can grow only if we learn. /The apostles diligently taught the believers in the times of the early church.

/We must learn diligently and teach diligently. /We must learn and study the Bible. /1 Timothy 1:18

/It says that we must follow God's Word and fight the good fight. /Therefore, it is important to learn about the Bible. /2 Timothy 3:16

/Second, they had fellowship. /To have fellowship is "Koinonia." /This refers to fellowship of true love. /It is to become one in spirit. /It is to become one in heart. /1 Corinthians 1:9

/It is to have fellowship with Jesus as the center. /It is to truly love. /It is to love fellow believers as one's own body. /It is to share in joy and in sorrow. /It is to forgive and show kindness.

/It is to not blame or speak badly of one another. /It is to transcend all things in Christ and love one another. /It is to have fellowship and communicate with one another.

/In this way, we must love our neighbors as our own bodies. /It is to become one in spirit and in heart.

/Third, they broke bread. /In the times of the early church, people participated in the feast of love and Holy Communion at the same time. /The feast of love is the sharing of food. /Holy Communion is participation in Jesus' flesh and blood.

/However, later when time passed, the feast of love disappeared and only the Holy Communion remained. /This is because there were negative effects that resulted from the feast of love. /When they took part in Holy Communion, they celebrated Jesus' flesh and blood.

/Fourth, they devoted themselves to prayer. /They completely devoted themselves to prayer. /Hence, the early church experienced revival. /One hundred and twenty believers prayed in Mark's attic after Jesus' ascension.

/At that time, the Holy Spirit came at the Pentecost. /Therefore, we too must also strive to pray. /We must become people who specialize in prayer. /The hardships at that time was great, but they still strived to pray. /1:14.

/Be joyful always. /Pray continually. /Give thanks in all circumstances. /One loses everything if he loses his time of prayer.

/He loses his faith. /He loses his life. /Therefore, we must strive to pray.

/Fifth, they sold their belongings and possessions and shared them with one another. /This meant that they shared their materials with one another. /The believers truly loved one another.

/They had compassion on the poor. /They helped one another. /2 Corinthians 8:1 /Acts 20:35 /Acts 4:35 /Like so, the early church helped the poor.

/Sixth, they gathered in the temple every day, joined together in mind. /In Luke 2:36, Anna lived a temple life. /The prophet Samuel lived a temple life from a young age. /Matthew 18:20

/The Lord promised that He would be with two or three people who gathered in Jesus' name. /Hebrews 10:25 /He said that we must meet together as the last days approach. /Even charcoal or wood fire must be gathered for fire to burn brightly.

/We must also strive to be one in heart and will, and strive to gather at the temple. /Through this, the early church experienced revival every day. /God's works took place.

/Your church will also experience revival if it acts in these ways. /God's works will take place.

/Verse 43. /Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.

/People were filled with awe. /The work of salvation took place. /Even unbelievers were frightened.

/Wonders and miraculous signs took place through the apostles. /The works of life took place in the church. /The works of the devil were broken and cast out. /The works of salvation continued to occur.

/Verses 44-45. /All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their

possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

/The believers believed that all property belonged to God. /They devoted everything to God. /They helped their neighbors. /They were joyfully thankful that they gave offerings. /We must also know that all property belongs to God.

/We must have compassion on the poor. /Also, the apostles took these offerings and used it rightly according to God's will. /In the times of the early church, believers sold their possessions.

/This was a sign that they loved God. /They used their faith. /They resolved, "I will now live for God." /They relied on materials in the past.

/Yet, now they knew that man does not live by material goods. /Man lives by God. /Luke 16:10 /1 Timothy 6:9-10 /We must rightly use the materials we have. /2 Corinthians 9:9

/Verse 46. /Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,

/The believers of the early church were one in heart and gathered together in the temple courts.

/They gathered in their homes. /They gathered in the temple. /They had fellowship with one another. /They praised God more than anything. /They worshiped God.

/We too must always gather together and worship. /We must also scatter and evangelize. /We must save our neighbors' lives.

/Verse 47. /praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their

number daily those who were being saved.

/The believers praised God. /They gave all thanks and glory to God. /Isaiah 43:21 /Acts 16:25
/Paul and Silas praised God even when they were locked up in prison. /It says that all people
believed through the believers' praises.

/Believers of the early church had faith that was worthy of compliments. /We must not
become people who are mocked by others. /We must be acknowledged before others.

/Like so, more people were saved each day. /The number of people who believe in Jesus
grew. /The church grew in number. /The church experienced a quantitative and qualitative
revival.

/We will continue the lecture with Acts chapter 3. /The title of chapter 3 is "Apostle."

First, a crippled man walks. /Verses 1-10. /Second, evangelism by witnessing. /Verses 11-26.

/There are subtitles. /(1) Rebuke. /Verses 12-16. /(2) Comfort. /Verses 17-18. /(3) Lesson.
/Verses 19-21. /(4) Encouragement. Verses 22-26.

/Read 3:1. /One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at
three in the afternoon.

/Peter and John went up to the temple at three in the afternoon, the time of prayer. /This
"time" is 3 p.m. /The Jews prayed three times a day. /They set apart times for prayer each day
and prayed at that time.

/Cornelius also prayed. /Acts 10:3. /Daniel also prayed three times a day. /Daniel 6:10 /We
must also set apart a time for prayer and pray. /Even if we may not be able to pray three times

a day, we must pray at least once in the early morning.

/Jesus also prayed early in the morning. /Mark 1:35. /Jesus prayed when it was quiet, early in the morning. /Reformer Martin Luther prayed at least two hours each day.

/As leaders of the church, we must also pray at least two hours each day. /We must also read at least ten chapters of the Bible each day. /If one reads 10 chapters of the Bible each day, he can read the Bible three times in one year.

/Here, Peter and John went up to the temple. /Peter and John became one in heart. /They had partnership and cooperated with each other.

/Verse 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.

/There was a man who was crippled from birth. /The people carried him. /He could not enter the temple. /He begged outside of the temple. /This person had never walked in his life.

/From man's perspective, he could not walk. /This person lived for rotting food. /He was poor because his body was incomplete. /He lived off the food that he begged for. /He was physically pitiable.

/His body was also pitiable. /Not only that, /but this person did not even know God. /He came to the temple, but he remained outside the temple. /Indeed, he was a pitiful person in both body and in spirit.

/He thought only of materialistic things. /He asked for materials. /his life was centered on materials. /He lived with a materialistic purpose. /He thought that money was the best. /He was a person who did not know God.

/Verse 3. /When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money.

/Peter and John were about to enter the temple. /The crippled man looked up at Peter and John. /He looked at them thinking about how he could get money from them.

/Verse 4. /Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!"

/Peter and John looked straight at the crippled man. /Then Peter said, "Look at us!" /Peter said, "Look at us," because he and John wanted to share love and compassion with the man.

/These apostles had compassion on the crippled man. /The apostles' compassionate hearts came from their hearts. /The crippled man was physically pitiful as well. /He was pitiful because he spiritually did not know God.

/Thus, the apostles looked at the poor crippled man with compassion. /We too must be able to look at people who are pitiful around us. /People who are physically in pain are also pitiful.

/However, what is more important is that there are many people who are spiritually poor because they do not believe in Jesus. /We must have compassion on unbelieving souls. /Here, Peter and John said, "Look at us."

/This means to have hope. /It means to desire salvation. /It means to look upon God's gift. /It means to have hope instead of thinking only about being poor.

/It means to have hope instead of thinking only about having a weak body. /Our Jesus is a truly compassionate God. /He healed many illnesses while He was here on this earth.

/Our Lord came to call the sinners. /Matthew 9:36 /He finds the one lost sheep. /Peter and

John had Jesus' beautiful heart.

/They did not abandon this little being. /They had hearts that burned with love.

/Verse 5. /So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

/This crippled man still looked upon money. /Will they give me lots of money? /He thought this as he looked at Peter and John. /However, Peter and John were different from normal people.

/God's love and compassion overflowed from their faces and eyes. /The crippled man saw their holy appearances. /Thus, this crippled man was able to be moved by the Holy Spirit.

/Verses 6-7. /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." Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.

/Peter said he did not have silver or gold. /This crippled man was begging for silver and gold. /This person's purpose in life was materials. /Therefore, Peter was saying, "Man does not live by bread alone."

/Man does not live by bread alone. /He lives by the Word of God. /He lives if God rescues him. /Man's life is in God's hands. /Therefore, we must look upon Jesus instead of looking upon materialistic things.

/Also, pastors do not do God's work for silver and gold. /They do not do God's work for money. /It is all right if he does not have silver or gold. /He only needs Jesus' name.

/This crippled man could not be cured of his illness even with a billion dollars' worth of

gold. /No doctor could cure him. /The crippled man could not be cured even if he had lots of money.

/We also do not do God's work for money. /We do it by Jesus' name. /We do it by the power of Jesus. /The crippled can be healed through the power of Jesus.

/Salvation can be given through the power of. /Here, Peter said, "In the name of Jesus, walk."
/Jesus Christ is power. /He is life. /He is wisdom. /He is salvation. /He gives us eternal life.

/Jesus gives us resurrection. /He gives us hope. /Thus, Peter told him to walk in Jesus' name. /
The only way to save this crippled man was through Jesus.

/Hence, Peter and John healed this crippled man through Jesus' name. /They saved this person. /At that time, this crippled man listened to those words and believed in Jesus.

/He accepted Jesus. /His soul came to life. /He listened to those words and obeyed. /At that time, God's power appeared. /His feet and ankles gained strength.

/He rose. /He jumped. /He was a person who had never once walked before. /Yet, this crippled man stood up by the power of God. /This crippled man received physical salvation and spiritual salvation.

/Both his body and spirit were blessed. /God is omnipotent. /The Lord can bring the dead to life. /He can cure the paralytic. /He can cure the leper.

/God can even stop the sun. /In this way, Peter and John helped the crippled man stand by the power of God. /This was not Peter's power. /This was the power of Jesus.

/All Peter did was obey. /The crippled man also believed that he would stand, and he

obeyed. /Thus, the crippled man was able to stand.

/Verse 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.

/The crippled man leaped. /He entered the temple. /He praised God. /This crippled man met God. /We must also throw away crippled faith.

/To not be able to go to church is to be crippled. /Also, when believers show no progress in their faith, /that is also crippled faith. /If we believed in Jesus for five or ten years, our faith must grow accordingly.

/Also, this man entered the temple after only having been able to stay outside the temple. /This man watched people enter the temple each day. /He watched others enter the temple, but couldn't enter himself.

/However, he entered the temple after he was healed. /He lived a temple life. /He walked with God. /He rejoiced. /He gave thanks. /He praised God.

/In the past, this person constantly resented God, /blamed his parents, /lamented over his own life, /was discouraged, /and he lived unhappily. /Yet now, he received salvation after he met Jesus.

/He became a person who praised God. /A person who once continuously complained in the past now had overflowing thankfulness and praises for God. /People change when they believe in Jesus.

/Zacchaeus had lots of money. /He was short. /He was unhappy before he met Jesus. /He did not have any friends. /He was lonely. /He had lots of money, but he was not happy.

/Then Zacchaeus met Jesus. /He welcomed Jesus. /He told Jesus that he would sell his possessions and give them to the poor. /His view of life changed. /His view of materials changed.

/In the past, he lived for money. /Yet now, he lived for Jesus.

/We must also have faith that leap. /We must run the race of faith. /We must always give thanks and glorify God for his grace.

/Verses 9-10. /When all the people saw him walking and praising God, 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.

/Many people were in awe when they saw the crippled man walk and praise God. /The people had always seen this crippled man as they entered and exited the temple of Jerusalem.

/There was no one who did not recognize the face of the crippled man. /All the people knew him. /This person was surely crippled, but now he was running. /Wow, this is amazing!

/The people gave glory to God. /They surely knew that God saved this man. /Hence, God's name was glorified.

/Through this, many people believed in Jesus. /Many people received salvation. /God's work of salvation occurred.

/Here we will conclude our fourth lecture on Acts. /Thank you.