

LOOK AT US
ACTS 3:1-10

Introduction:

1. This Scripture reading is a physical example of the condition many people are spiritually in today.
2. They are spiritually unable to move for themselves. They are paralyzed by doubts, fears, guilt, depression, etc..
3. They are able to see that there is the possibility of spiritual freedom, but they find it impossible in the flesh to gain this freedom.
4. Those of us who are saved have a responsibility to share with them the good news of true spiritual freedom in Jesus.
5. Just like Peter and John, we should be able to tell people to look at us to find the answers.

I. LOOK AT US BECAUSE WE ARE A DIFFERENT KIND OF PEOPLE. **1 Peter 2:9** *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...*

A. The unsaved world should be able to see Jesus in us, the Hope of Glory. **Colossians 1:27** *To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

B. Those of us who are saved are to conform to image of the Son of God. **Romans 8:2-9*****

C. We are not to conform to the world's standards. **Romans 12:2** *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

D. The way we talk, the way we dress, the way we conduct ourselves should show the world that we are different.

II. LOOK AT US BECAUSE WE ARE A PEOPLE WITH A POSITIVE MESSAGE.

A. Jesus has given us the opportunity to perform an important task of His behalf.

Matthew 28:19-20 *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

B. Our message is a message of hope for a lost and dying world. **John 3:16** *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

C. When the Apostle Paul had opportunity to share with King Agrippa the reason for his preaching. **Acts 26:18** *... to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'*

D. The gospel message is simply this:

1. Jesus is the Theme.
2. Salvation is the Subject.
3. Everlasting life is the Promise.

E. If there ever was a time when people need a positive message, it is now.

III. LOOK AT US BECAUSE WE ARE A PEOPLE OF CONVICTION.

A. We are convinced that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and no one will spend their eternity with God unless they repent and receive Jesus as the Savior.

B. We should have the conviction, no matter what people say, that God's Word is true.

Psalm 119:160 *The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.*

C. The way to become a person of conviction is to heed the warning that Paul gave to young Timothy. **2 Timothy 2:16** *But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness.*

D. Follow this advice with the advice Paul gave in **2 Timothy 2:15**. *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

IV. LOOK AT US BECAUSE WE ARE A PEOPLE WITH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE.

Philippians 4:13 *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

A. Our attitude should be one of victory, hope, and peace.

B. No matter what may happen in our lives, we must maintain a positive attitude, knowing that Jesus is in control. **Romans 8:28** *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*

C. There is power for your life in the faith that God is working through His children.

Romans 8:31 *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

Conclusion:

1. If you are looking for peace in your life, if you are looking for hope, encouragement, victory over sin, then look at us, for we will guide you to Jesus, the only One who will provide all these things for you.
2. **Acts 3:7-8** *And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.*