

**CP - 10/30/22**

**Acts 9:32-43 - "Christ's Power Over Disease and Death"**

**Introduction:**

**3 big game changers in Acts:**

1. Pentecost
2. Conversion of Saul
3. Conversion of Cornelius (Acts 10)

Acts 9:32-43 serve as a transition between Saul's conversion to the conversion of the gentile Cornelius.

Peter had to be convinced that the Gospel was for everyone.

**3 big things to see through 9:32-11:18**

1. Christ has power of disease (32-35)
2. Christ has power of death (36-42)
3. Christ has power over discrimination

**Sermon Outline:**

**A. Christ has power of disease (32-35)**

- \*here and there indicates a preaching tour to both evangelize and disciple
- \*believers are referred to as saints
- \*We are both declared and made holy
- \*Jesus alone has the power to heal
- \*make your bed
- \*many turned to the Lord

**B. Christ power over death (36-42)**

- \*Dorcas was a disciple of Jesus
- \*Peter cleared the room and prayed
- \*Jesus alone has the power to raise from the dead
- \* "Tabitha, rise"
- \*Many believed in the Lord

v.43- Serves as a link to chapter 10.

\*Peter stays at the house of a man who was ceremonial unclean by trade

**4 signs of Authentic Apostleship of Peter:**

**1. Followed the example of Jesus**

- \*Healing of paralytic in Mark 2:1-12 verse 11
- \*Raising of Jarius daughter in Mark 5:35-43. Verse 41
  - "Talitha, cumi" (Little girl, rise)
  - "Tabitha, cumi" (Tabitha rise)
- \*Peter was not doing things his own way... He was doing things the way the Lord has shown and told him
- \*We do things the way God has instructed for us to do them

## **2. Performed in the power of Jesus**

\*v.34-Jesus heals you

\*v.40- knelt down and prayed

\*Peter knew there was no power within himself

## **3. Signs of the salvation of Jesus**

\*rise- same verb used for God raising Jesus

\*Tabitha was resuscitated and would eventually die again

\*both miracles portray the believer raising to new life

## **4. Resulted to the glory of Jesus**

v.35- many turned to the Lord

v.42- many believed in the Lord

If who we follow or listen to do not check these 4 off then we shouldn't follow them...

## **“For the Christian, disease nor death have the final word...”**

-Jesus answer to the prayer for healing or resurrection is always yes

-sometime on this side... but always on the other side

-His words declaring the we are his have more authority

-cancer, cirrhosis, anxiety, PTSD, heart failure, even death.... Have the last word

-Romans 8:31-39

## **Small Group Questions:**

1. What from the Bible passage and sermon spoke to you?
2. What do these 2 miracles teach us about Christ and His Kingdom?
3. What does it mean that the Bible refers to Christians as “saints”? What is a saint? How can Christ declare us saints? How does the impact the way you see yourself as a new creation?
4. What does it mean to you that disease nor death have the final word over a Christian's life? How does this help you when you think about someone you have lost? How will this help you persevere in disease and death?
5. Read Romans 8:31-39. How does these verses encourage you? How have they encouraged you in the past? Is there anyone that needs you to encourage them with this passage?