

Beulah Missionary Baptist Church  
 Noon Day Prayer – Bible Study  
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 12:00 Noon

Lesson #32      The Holy Spirit Filled Ministry of Peter

**Scripture:**      Acts 9:31 – 43

**Emphasis:**      Acts 9:33 – 34

“And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy. 34 And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.:”

**Subject:**      Jesus Christ Maketh Thee Whole:      Arise

**Introduction:**    In Acts Chapter 9, Peter will make a shift in the movement of the New Church. Peter will continue the expansion of the footprint of the new Believers and Followers of Christ. Peter’s Ministry is thriving, and people are being healed of all types of sicknesses and diseases and new converts were coming to Christ because of the healing, Preaching and Teaching of the Gospel of Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit will lead Peter to not only shift his focus from just the Jews but will now include ministry to the Gentiles. Christ Jesus not only died for his own people the Jews, but also the Gentiles. God is not a respecter of persons, but a God who loves all His Children. The Lord shows that He desires and wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance. The Gospel is very clear, Jesus was Crucified, Died for our sins, was Buried, has Risen from the Dead, and is Seated on the Right Hand of the Father in Heaven.  
 Our Lesson today has Facts, Realities, and Truths

**Background:**    In this Fourteenth Lesson of the Book of Acts, we will continue our study in the Book of Acts of the Apostles in Chapter 9. Peter will travel throughout this now Fertile Land of Potential Converts to Christ Jesus. The Spirit of God Enables and Empowers Peter’s Ministry to Heal, Preach and Teach in Territories that will become Hotbeds for the Expansion of the Gospel of Christ Jesus. With Christ, there is no Limit.

## Lesson Topic #1 Acts 9:31

“Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.”

- The Impact of the Conversion of the Enemy
  - Fact #1 Permission and Passion could be Serious
    - Saul was a very Serious Threat to the Believers, but not to God
    - Saul had Passion and was Zealous for what he believed was right
    - Passion directed with the Wrong set Facts is Dangerous
  - Fact #2 Jesus met Saul on his Road to Damascus (what was your road?)
    - Saul could not ignore or argue with Light or the Voice
    - At some point and time, Every Knee Shall Bow and Confess Jesus
    - The Best Encounter with Jesus will always start with Recognition
  - Fact #3 The Surrender from Enemy to Slave
    - You should stop when Jesus tells you are only hurting Yourself
    - Surrendering to Jesus is a Relief from your will to His Will
    - Saul became Blind when he actually started Seeing for first Time
  - Fact #4 Saul was no longer a Threat to the Followers of Christ
    - Peace leads to Rest, the Best Defense comes from a Strong Offence
    - Jesus Temporarily removes the Strongest Threat to the Believers
    - God did what we ought to try to do, turn our Enemies over to Christ
    - The news of Saul’s Conversion led to a sense of Peace and a Relief from the Persecution of the Believers from the most Vicious Enemy

## Lesson Topic #2 Acts 9:32 – 35

“And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda. 33 And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy. 34 And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately. 35 And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.”

- The Ministry of the Apostle Peter
  - Realities #1 Peter’s Observation of Fertile Land gave him Strength
    - Success leads to Confidence and Encouragement to Continue the good Work
    - Peter heard about how the Holy Spirit came to the new Believers in Judea and Samaria and now he was a credible Witness of this fact

- It was important to the Early Church that Peter one of the Leaders of the Apostles could visit the Scattered Believers and give an Awesome Report the Church in Jerusalem
- Realities #2 Compassion was Jesus' Character and now it is Peter's
  - Peter found Aeneas who was crippled for Eight Years
  - The Holy Spirit will lead you to your next Assign
  - Ministry work is not about those in need finding you
  - Jesus Commanded to His Disciples was to Go into the Vineyard
  - Jesus Commanded Peter to Feed His Sheep
- Realities #3 Peter has the Holy Spirit's Gift of Healing
  - When a man is "Made Whole" in Jesus' name provides more than a Physical Change, but also a Spiritual Change
  - Peter's instructions to the formal Cripple man was a two part Command
    - Arise – from the Old Aeneas and Stand on the New Aeneas
    - Make thy Bed – Go to Work Witnessing and Lead others to the Same Jesus that delivered Aeneas from Sin and gave Aeneas a new way to Walk
- Realities #4 They All Heard and Saw Him
  - Signs and Wonders were Gifts given to the Saints in order lead to more Believers
  - Many who Turned to the Lord can be attributed to the fact that a man who had Palsy for 8 years was lifted to his feet in their presence was Undisputable Evidence that Jesus is Lord and the works of the Holy Spirit is nothing they ever Experienced before

### Lesson Topic #3 Acts 9:36 – 43

“Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. 37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. 38 And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. 39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. 40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw

