



## Acts Chapter 3:

### As we quickly recap from Acts 2:

3 Things that Peter makes clear that they must do:

1. Repent (turn from their sins)
2. Be Baptized on the authority of Yahshua HaMashiach
3. Follow Yahovah and what his son has set before them

It's often thought that the Abramic Covenant was an old Covenant of works, and the “New Covenant” is a Covenant of “grace” apart from works... This is not taught anywhere in scripture.

The old Covenant was also based on grace. It was based on the substitution of an innocent animals life in place of the guilty sinner.

The “New Covenant” is based on the substitution of one mans life.. Yahshua our Messiah in place of the guilty sinner. Both Old and New Covenants were based on “grace”.

And I want us to notice that “Repentance” was required for both Old and New Covenants. Animal sacrifice with out “Repentance” was ineffectual. Both Old and New Covenants require “Repentance”. And both Old and New Covenants require the “Grace” of Yahovah our Elohim.

In order for true “Repentance” to take place.. the “Repenter” must turn away from their sin. So in other words there must be a change in life. There must be evidence.. of this persons repentance. Words and feelings are worthless when it comes to “Repentance”. Words and feelings with out “Repentance” equals death.

#### **E1**

*Mat 15:8 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far away from me.*

*Mat 15:9 Their worship of me is useless, because they teach man-made rules as if they were doctrines.' "*

So once again... words and feelings with out action... are dead with out true “Repentance”.

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The first thing that we see in Chapter 3 is the healing of a crippled man, and at first glance... we may think that this was just a simple healing, but there is a larger implication at work here than meets the eye.

### **E2**

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*Act 3:2 a man crippled since birth was being carried in. Every day people used to put him at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, so that he could beg from those going into the Temple court.*

*Act 3:3 When he saw Kefa and Yochanan about to enter, he asked them for some money.*

*Act 3:4 But they stared straight at him; and Kefa said, "Look at us!"*

*Act 3:5 The crippled man fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them.*

*Act 3:6 Kefa said, "I don't have silver, and I don't have gold, but what I do have I give to you: in the name of the Messiah, Yeshua of Natzeret, walk!"*

*Act 3:7 And taking hold of him by his right hand, Kefa pulled him up. Instantly his feet and ankles became strong;*

*Act 3:8 so that he sprang up, stood a moment, and began walking. Then he entered the Temple court with them, walking and leaping and praising God!*

*Act 3:9 Everyone saw him walking and praising God.*

*Act 3:10 They recognized him as the same man who had formerly sat begging at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, and they were utterly amazed and confounded at what had happened to him.*

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Now back in 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple Judaism they knew the importance of giving to those who were poor, or fatherless, or widowed, crippled, or in need. To the believer and those who knew their scriptures no one walked past someone who was truly in need. And proof of this is found in scripture if we go back and take a look at Deuteronomy 15:7 and 8:

### **E3**

*Deu 15:7 "If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother,*

*Deu 15:8 but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be.*

In fact... there was even a tithe that they took up at the end of every three years for the poor:

### **E4**

*Deu 14:28 "At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns.*

*Deu 14:29 And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the*

*sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.*

Now I want us to understand that it was forbidden for this poor crippled man to enter into the Temple area because of his infirmity. Not even a blemished Levites or Priests were allowed inside the Temple area. If you had any blemish you were not permitted into the Temple.

So this crippled man, and others who were poor or afflicted would sit outside one of the main gates because they knew that this was prime real estate for those beseeching alms, and asking for donations so that they could survive.

And back then it was important for the Jewish person to extend a helping hand to their brother when ever possible. Back then it was almost unheard of to pass by a brother in need and not give something because they were commanded through the scripture not to let this happen.

Now... with all of that being said... I want us to pay special attention to the word **“Leaping”** in this scripture in Acts chapter 3 verse 8.

One of the reasons that Peter and John healed this man and watched him walk into the Temple with them “Leaping” for joy and praising Yahovah God was to once again point back into the Torah and what was prophesied in Isaiah 35 you see this was a sign for the religious Jews of their time to take notice of:

## **E5**

*Isa 35:1 The desert and the dry land will be glad; the `Aravah will rejoice and blossom like the lily.*

*Isa 35:2 It will burst into flower, will rejoice with joy and singing, will be given the glory of the L'vanon, the splendor of Karmel and the Sharon. They will see the glory of Adonai, the splendor of our God.*

*Isa 35:3 Strengthen your drooping arms, and steady your tottering knees.*

*Isa 35:4 Say to the fainthearted, "Be strong and unafraid! Here is your God; he will come with vengeance; with God's retribution he will come and save you."*

*Isa 35:5 Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped;*

*Isa 35:6 then the lame man will leap like a deer, and the mute person's tongue will sing. For in the desert, springs will burst forth, streams of water in the `Aravah;*

*Isa 35:7 the sandy mirage will become a pool, the thirsty ground springs of water. The haunts where jackals lie down will become a marsh filled with reeds and papyrus.*

*Isa 35:8 A highway will be there, a way, called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not pass over it, but it will be for those whom he guides—fools will not stray along it.*

*Isa 35:9 No lion or other beast of prey will be there, traveling on it. They will not be found there, but the redeemed will go there.*

*Isa 35:10 Those ransomed by Adonai will return and come with singing to Tziyon, on their*

*heads will be everlasting joy. They will acquire gladness and joy, while sorrow and sighing will flee.*

You see this was a time of rejoicing.. their Messiah had come the very Messiah that Moses himself had prophesied about had come... and the gift that he brought them would re-unite the two kingdoms of Israel and Judah back into one kingdom, one stick in the creator's hand so that all nations could be gathered to them, and this was Peter and John's way of announcing this great gift of Salvation and the gospel message to them, and the reason for rejoicing in the name of Yahovah our Elohim.

And if we think about it for a moment... we can see even a bigger picture at play in this healing of the crippled man. Remember... he could not enter into the Temple before he was crippled. **He could only enter in through the healing... the saving grace... of Yeshua... then and only then could he come and enter in.**

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*Act 3:11 While he clung to Kefa and Yochanan, all the people came running in astonishment toward them in Shlomo's Colonnade.*

*Act 3:12 **Seeing this, Kefa addressed the people: "Men of Isra'el! Why are you amazed at this? Or why do you stare at us as if we had made this man walk through some power or godliness of***

**our own?**

*Act 3:13 The God of Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya`akov, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Yeshua—the same Yeshua you handed over and disowned before Pilate, even after he had decided to release him.*

*Act 3:14 You denied the holy and innocent one, and instead asked for the reprieve of a murderer!*

*Act 3:15 You killed the author of life! "But God has raised him from the dead! Of this we are witnesses.*

*Act 3:16 And it is through putting trust in his name that his name has given strength to this man whom you see and know. Yes, it is the trust that comes through Yeshua which has given him this perfect healing in the presence of you all.*

*Act 3:17 "Now, brothers, I know that you did not understand the significance of what you were doing; neither did your leaders.*

*Act 3:18 But this is how God fulfilled what he had announced in advance, when he spoke through all the prophets, namely, that his Messiah was to die.*

*Act 3:19 "Therefore, repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be erased;*

*Act 3:20 so that times of refreshing may come from the Lord's presence; and he may send the Messiah appointed in advance for you, that is, Yeshua.*

*Act 3:21 He has to remain in heaven until the time comes for restoring everything, as God said long ago, when he spoke through the holy prophets.*

*Act 3:22 For Moshe himself said, 'Adonai will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your brothers. You are to listen to everything he tells you.*

*Act 3:23 Everyone who fails to listen to that prophet will be removed from the people and destroyed.'*

*Act 3:24 Indeed, all the prophets announced these days, starting with Sh'mu'el and continuing through all who followed.*

*Act 3:25 "You are the sons of the prophets; and you are included in the covenant which God made with our fathers when he said to Avraham, 'By your seed will all the families of the earth be blessed.'*

*Act 3:26 So it is to you first that God has sent his servant whom he has raised up, so that he might bless you by turning each one of you from your evil ways."*

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Now... we find Kefa (Peter) once again.. standing in Solomon's Temple in the Colon aid... and he once again stands up to make another speech to the men of Israel and the Jewish people who are now starting to gather around... and notice what he says.

*Act 3:12 Seeing this, Kefa addressed the people: "Men of Isra'el! Why are you amazed at this? Or why do you stare at us as if we had made this man walk through some power or godliness of our own?"*

So Peter is trying to convey to the crowd.. that it was not their piety, or because they were so

religious, or through their own power that this man was healed. Peter is telling them in other words “we had nothing to do with it”!

And Peter tells them in Acts 3:16 he says “*Yes, it is the trust that comes through Yeshua which has given him this perfect healing in the presence of you all.*”

So what power was it that healed this crippled man according to Peter? It was this mans own faith and trust in Yahshua that gave him his healing.

Now... I want to stop right here before we get to far.. and I want to expound upon another false teaching by many different denominational charters of men.

As we can see through this scripture.. Yahshua has been given power by his father to do these things. And many... too many... denominational charters of men believe... that Yahovah God our Father gave his power and authority to Yahshua willingly... and that this makes Yahovah God our Father irrelevant.

There are those out there who will wrongly teach this dichotomy or separation.... the same separation that Marcion of Synope tried to teach earlier on. And we've already discussed this separation between the Old and the New Testament... where the God of Israel has been done away with and the new God in town is this Yahshua.

For those who don't read... and understand the whole story it's easy to get caught up in this kind of false teaching. That God the Father is now out of the picture and Yahshua is all there is.

What does the scripture teach us... exactly? Well if we look at scripture and scripture alone without the teaching of these denominational charters of men and their false fabrication of Christian academia we find this:

**E7**  
*1Ti 2:5 For God is one; and there is but one Mediator between God and humanity, Yeshua the Messiah, himself human,*  
*1Ti 2:6 who gave himself as a ransom on behalf of all, thus providing testimony to God's purpose at just the right time.*

Do we see this? “For God Is One! And there is but one Mediator between God and humanity” and who is that? Yahshua.

Question:

When Yahshua taught us to pray... who did he teach us to pray to? Was it not the Father? “Our Father Who Art In Heaven”?

**E8**

Deu 6:4 "Sh'ma, Yisra'el! Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai echad [*Hear, Isra'el! Adonai our God, Adonai is one*];

**E9**

Isa 43:11 *I, yes I, am Adonai; besides me there is no deliverer.*

Yahshua never claims to supersede the Father anywhere in scripture. Any and all power and authority that he has... was given to him by his father, and in no way... does that power and authority supersede, or surpass that of his father.

Where does Yahshua sit? Does he sit in the Fathers Thrown? Or at the right hand of the Father and the Fathers Thrown?

Did the son give himself or did the Father give his only begotten son?

You see so many of these false man made, man created, man fabricated doctrines are so easy to throw to the ground... if we just ask for the discernment, and study to show ourselves approved.

And let me make it especially clear to all who may be listening to this video whether it be live or after it's recorded... Yahshua NEVER... and I mean NEVER.. gave his authority or his power over to any man on Earth. And let us be clear about this here and now before we go any further.

There is a wicked and despotic denominational charter of men that will blatantly lie to you.. These men are wolves in sheep's clothing... who for the most part don't even try to look like sheep... even the vestments that they wear.. gives them away... these men... who will try and tell you that their Pontiff... their Pope, their "Vicar of Christ"... their "God On Earth" was given the power of Peter who was given the power of Yahshua.. by Yahshua.

They will lie to you and they will try to convince you.. that Peter... was the first Catholic Pope.... and these wolves in sheep's clothing have convinced millions of people.. that their Pope is Yahovah God on Earth. And their whole theology hinges on Peter, and what our Messiah once told Peter when he said this in Matthew 16:13 through 19:

**E0**

*Mat 16:13 When Yeshua came into the territory around Caesarea Philippi, he asked his talmidim, "Who are people saying the Son of Man is?"*

*Mat 16:14 They said, "Well, some say Yochanan the Immerser, others Eliyahu, still others Yirmeyahu or one of the prophets."*

*Mat 16:15 "But you," he said to them, "who do you say I am?"*

*Mat 16:16 Shim'on Kefa answered, "You are the Mashiach, the Son of the living God."*

*Mat 16:17 "Shim'on Bar-Yochanan," Yeshua said to him, "how blessed you are! For no human being revealed this to you, no, it was my Father in heaven.*

*Mat 16:18 I also tell you this: you are Kefa," [which means 'Rock,'] "and on this rock I will*

*build my Community, and the gates of Sh'ol will not overcome it.*

*Mat 16:19 I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."*

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Now I want us to stop right there for just a moment because I need to minister to those who believe that Yahshua was telling Peter that he was going to build his Community... his Church on Peter.

We have to make this hierarchy of power and authority between the Father and the Son very clear, and very concise. Because if we don't.. the misunderstanding of the hierarchy of power will only lead to more denominational dichotomy and division.

I want to make it very clear.. that Yahshua was not giving his Heavenly or Earthly Power and Authority to Peter.

In other words Peter.. is not the first Pope as so many proclaim. And we're going to prove this out through the scripture as we move forward right here and now.

Yahshua through his Ruach Hakodesh had given Peter and the Talmidim (the Apostles) certain gifts of the Ruach Hakodesh to accomplish their mission. He did not give them total and unbounded authority over all the Earth to change the times and laws of Yahovah God the Father. Even Yahshua himself.. did not do that. Read Matthew 5:17 and 18.

Here is what Yahshua says in Matthew 16:18 and 19

*Mat 16:18 I also tell you this: you are Kefa," [which means 'Rock,'] "and on this rock I will build my Community, and the gates of Sh'ol will not overcome it.*

*Mat 16:19 I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."*

Notice that our Messiah did not say “I will build my church on you Peter”. He said “You are Peter”.. there is a difference. Kefa, or Peter does mean “rock” but this is just a play on words that our Messiah is using here and most people miss this very important point. So the question then becomes okay.. so if he's not building his church on Peter what “rock” is he talking about?

Now I hope that if you haven't learned anything yet about reading and understanding the scriptures that you understand how important it is to keep what we're reading in context.

Who were they, where were they, who was he speaking to, what were the circumstances involved, and so on.. context... must be taken into consideration when we read these scriptures.

So before we believe that Yahshua was building his Church on Peter... and that Peter was the first “Pope” as some denominations believe... lets take a look at where they were standing exactly when he said “On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it”. What did that mean?.. On what rock... were they standing... exactly in Matthew 16:18?

What does it say in Matthew

*Mat 16:13 When Yeshua came into the territory around Caesarea Philippi,*

What was the territory around Caesarea Philippi? And why would this even be relevant, why are we even given this information about where they were? He's telling us that they were in “Caesarea Philippi” for a reason.

Where in the territory of Caesarea Phillippi do you suppose he was? What was Caesarea Philippi at the base of?

Mount Herman.

**(SHOW PICS OF MOUNT HERMON)**

So what was “Mount Herman”? It was the stronghold of Satan, it was here that the Fallen Angels who had left their first estate... had first come to Earth, and it's the place where they had built temples to the gods of Baal and the Greek god Pan.

To make a long story short... in the book of Enoch in the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter we're told that the fallen angels came to Earth to teach men the art of war, and they taught women the art of seduction, and they found human women attractive and they took all they wanted of them to marry them and to mix the bloodline of men with Angles.. Angles that are now known as Demons. And we can see traces of this in our Bibles today in Jude 1:6 :

**E6**

*Jud 1:6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—*

Now about the book of Enoch.. is it Canonical? Is it Inherent? Can it be trusted? We'll what does Jude who was the brother of Yahshua says this:

*Jud 1:14 It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones,*

*Jud 1:15 to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that*

*ungodly sinners have spoken against him."*

Now.. whether we see the book of Enoch as inherent, or canonical (as the early churches did) or not.. we also have other scripture found in the Bible that agrees with what we've already read:

We can see even more of this clear back in the book of Genesis in the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter where it talks about the "Sons of God" the "Benay Elohim" coming down to mate with the women of the Earth **And they took as their wives any that they chose:**

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*Gen 6:1 When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them,*

*Gen 6:2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose.*

*Gen 6:3 Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years."*

*Gen 6:4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.*

Now this is a whole teaching in itself and there are two views concerning Genesis chapter 6. One is known as the Sethite view which says that the Sons of God.. the Benay Elohim were the sons of Seth, and the other view which was always held by the prophets and the early church is that the "Sons of God" noted in Genesis chapter 6 are indeed fallen Angels who did not keep their first estate just as we see in the book of Jude who was the brother of Yahshua. And I won't get into the two views here for times sake but I say all of that to say this...

To make a long story short.. this is where Yahshua was standing when he said he would build his church upon this rock.. it was at Mount Herman where the transfiguration also took place at in Matthew 17: 1 through 8.

*Mat 17:1 Six days later, Yeshua took Kefa, Ya`akov and his brother Yochanan and led them up a high mountain privately.*

*Mat 17:2 As they watched, he began to change form—his face shone like the sun, and his clothing became as white as light.*

*Mat 17:3 Then they looked and saw Moshe and Eliyahu speaking with him.*

*Mat 17:4 Kefa said to Yeshua, "It's good that we're here, Lord. I'll put up three shelters if you want—one for you, one for Moshe and one for Eliyahu."*

*Mat 17:5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them; and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him!"*

*Mat 17:6 When the talmidim heard this, they were so frightened that they fell face down on the ground.*

*Mat 17:7 But Yeshua came and touched them. "Get up!" he said, "Don't be afraid."*

*Mat 17:8 So they opened their eyes, looked up and saw only Yeshua by himself.*

Mount Herman was a place where Satan had made his mark in the world and was setting up temples to false gods like Pan and Baal, and this is exactly where Yahshua kept returning to poke Satan in the eye.

Why there? Why that place? Because Yahshua was putting his finger in the eye of Satan and his angels... saying here I am... what are you going to do about it? Stop me... if you can. He was jamming a stick into the bee's nest if you will.

This was the rock.. that Yahshua said he was going to build his church upon.. and that Hell, which was right at the base of the mountain.. couldn't do anything about it.

Now for those of you who think that Peter was the “rock” and that Peter was the first “Pope” I want us to see what Yahshua calls Peter just a few more verses down:

*Mat 16:20 Then he warned the talmidim not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.*

*Mat 16:21 From that time on, Yeshua began making it clear to his talmidim that he had to go to Yerushalayim and endure much suffering at the hands of the elders, the head cohanim and the Torah-teachers; and that he had to be put to death; but that on the third day, he had to be raised to life.*

*Mat 16:22 Kefa took him aside and began rebuking him, "Heaven be merciful, Lord! By no means will this happen to you!"*

*Mat 16:23 But Yeshua turned his back on Kefa, saying, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because your thinking is from a human perspective, not from God's perspective!"*

We also know that when Paul had a discrepancy with the Circumcision Group later in the book of Acts he took the discrepancy not to Peter but to James the brother of Yahshua who was the President of the Jerusalem Council in Acts chapter 15.

And we even see Paul rebuking and correcting Peter at Antioch in Galatians 2:11. So Peter clearly was had no more or less authority than the rest of them. He was a man, who made mistakes, and stumbled just as we all do. He was not a Pope or a “Vicar Of Christ” on earth.

Our Messiah also said this to Peter:

*Mat 16:19 I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."*

Was he only giving the keys to Heaven to Peter? Let me ask you this.. do we understand what “Salvation” means to the believer? Who have the keys to the kingdom of Heaven been given to

my friends?

They've been given to us. Not only do we hold the keys to the kingdom of Heaven through our faith in the Messiah but much much more. We not only have the keys to the kingdom, but we will rule over the kingdom with our Messiah if we endure:

*Rev 5:10 You made them into a kingdom for God to rule, cohanim to serve him; and they will rule over the earth."*

*Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is anyone who has a part in the first resurrection; over him the second death has no power. On the contrary, they will be cohanim of God and of the Messiah, and they will rule with him for the thousand years.*

*Rev 2:26 To him who wins the victory and does what I want until the goal is reached, I will give him authority over the nations;*

*Rev 2:27 he will rule them with a staff of iron and dash them to pieces like pottery,*

*Rev 2:28 just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give him the morning star.*

*1Co 6:2 Don't you know that God's people are going to judge the universe? If you are going to judge the universe, are you incompetent to judge these minor matters?*

*1Co 6:3 Don't you know that we will judge angels, not to mention affairs of everyday life?*

So I ask you.. who has the "Keys To The Kingdom Of Heaven"?... you and I... we ... who believe and have faith and who keep his commandments, precepts, laws, and his appointments. We who have his laws written on our hearts and in our minds. We who endure to the end.

A little study.. and a little context equals a much deeper understanding that only Yahovah and his Ruach Hakodesh can give. And in the name of Yahshua we give thanks.

How many Christians do you know.. that are even vaguely aware of these things? How many of our modern day professing Christians are even able to share this gospel truth with others?

And now.. You are aware of them, and you can teach them.

Study to show yourselves approved rightly dividing the Word of Yahovah our Elohim.

Take these things to your prayer closet and test them in the fire of prayer and see if they be true or false.

I want to thank you for sharing your time with me here today.

