

# I. A MIRACULOUS GIFT

**ACTS 3:1-2** **1** *Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple;*

# **1. The State Of The Man: A Picture of Spiritual Need**

**Ephesians 2:1-3** **1** *As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.*

## **Ephesians 2:1-3**

**3** *All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.*

## **Matthew 11:28-30**

**28** *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*

## **2. The Grace of God: Giving Us What We Need Instead Of What We Want**

**Acts 3:3-7** **3** *who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. 4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us."* **5** *So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.*

**Acts 3:6-7** **6** *Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”*

**7** *And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.*

## **ii. AN OVERWHELMING JOY**

**Acts 3:8-9** **8** *So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. 9* **And all the people saw him walking and praising God.**

***Application #1: Salvation Is  
A Cause for Great  
Rejoicing***

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- **Rejoicing In Heaven**

**Luke 15:10** *"In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

- **Rejoicing On Earth**

## **Isaiah 61:10**

***I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bride-groom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.***

***Application # 2: God's Purpose for Us Gives Joy To All of Life***

### **III. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GOSPEL**

**Acts 3:10** *Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.*

**Application 3: Every  
Aspect Of Our Lives  
Should Be Redemptive**