

**“Faith, Unity, & Presence
Leads To Miracles, Awe, & Praise!”**

Acts 2:37-47 & 3:1-10

And They All Continued Steadfastly in the Apostles’ Doctrine and Fellowship, in the Breaking of Bread, and in Prayers. Then Fear (Awe) came Upon Every Soul, & Many Signs & Wonders were done through the Apostles. Now All Who Believed Were Together, and had All Things in Common, and Sold Their Possessions and Goods, and Divided Them Among All, as Anyone Had Need. So, Continuing Daily With One Accord in the Temple, and Breaking Bread from House to House, they ate Their Food with Gladness and Simplicity of Heart, Praising God, and Having Favor with all the People. And the Lord Added to the Church Daily Those Who Were Being Saved! **Acts 2:42-47 (NKJV)**

Now Peter and John went up together to the Temple at the Hour of Prayer, the ninth hour (3 pm). 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, who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the Temple, asked for alms. And Peter fixing his eyes on the man, with John, said, *“Look at us!”* So, the man gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. 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!”* And Peter took the man by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So, the man leaping up, stood, and walked and entered the Temple with them, Walking, Leaping, and Praising God. And All the People saw him Walking and Praising God. Then They All 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. **Acts 3:1-10 (NKJV)**

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Timing Of The Day

The Ninth Hour – 3 PM

Time Of Evening Prayer Before The Evening Sacrifices

Location

“Beautiful Gate” – Gate Dividing The Outer Court Of The Gentiles
& The Court Of The Women

“Nicanor Gate” – Gate Dividing Court Of The Women
& The Inner Court Of The Israelites

Overview Picture Of The Temple (See Last Pages)

Close Up Picture Of The Temple (See Last Pages)

Q: Why The Name “Beautiful Gate”?

**A: Because It Was Unusual In That It Was Made From
“Fine Corinthian Bronze Workmanship”**

**According To The Historian Josephus,
“This Gate Above All The Others Far Exceeded In Value
Those Other Temple Gates That Were Merely Plated With Silver & Gold!”**

**Paul Speaks Of Bringing Together Everyone:
Man & Women, Slave, & Free, Jew & Gentile!**

“For you are all **Sons of God** through **Faith in Christ Jesus**. For as many of you as were **Baptized into Christ** have **Put on Christ**. There is neither **Jew nor Greek**, there is neither **Slave nor Free**, there is neither **Male nor Female**; for you are **All One in Christ Jesus**. And if you are **Christ's**, then you are **Abraham's Seed**, and **Heirs According to the Promise**.”

Galatians 3:26-39 (NKJV)

**Paul Speaks Of How Jesus Broke Down All
The Walls & Barriers That Separated Us From God**

“Therefore, remember that you, once **Gentiles in the Flesh**, who are called **Uncircumcision** by what is called the **Circumcision made in the Flesh By Hands**, that at that time you were without **Christ**, being **Aliens** from the **Commonwealth of Israel** and **Strangers** from the **Covenants Of Promise**, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in **Christ Jesus** you who once were **Far Off** have been **Brought Near** by the **Blood Of Christ**. For **He Himself Is Our Peace**, Who has **Made Both One**, and has **Broken Down The Middle Wall Of Separation**, having abolished in **His Flesh** the **Enmity**, that is, the **Law of Commandments** contained in ordinances, so to create in **Himself One New Man From Two**, Thus **Making Peace**, and that **He Might Reconcile Them Both To God In One Body Through The Cross**, thereby **Putting to Death the Enmity**. And **He Came and Preached Peace** to you who were **Afar Off** and to those who were **Near**. For through **Him We Both Have Access By One Spirit To The Father**. Now, therefore, you are no longer **Strangers and Foreigners**, but **Fellow Citizens With The Saints** and **Members of the Household Of God**, having been **Built On the Foundation of the Apostles and Prophets**, **Jesus Christ Himself Being The Chief Cornerstone**, in **Whom the Whole Building**, being fitted together, **Grows Into A Holy Temple In The Lord**, in **Whom** you also are being built together for a **Dwelling Place Of God In The Spirit**.” **Ephesians 2:11-22 (NKJV)**

Ancient Prophecies Of King David Are Fulfilled In The Dawn Of This New Age!

“Open to me the **Gates Of Righteousness**; I will go through them, And I will **Praise the Lord**. This is the **Gate of the Lord**, Through which the **Righteous Shall Enter**. I will **Praise You**, For **You have Answered Me**, And have become **My Salvation**. The **Stone** which the builders rejected has become the **Chief Cornerstone**. This was the **Lord's Doing**; It is **Marvelous In Our Eyes**. This is the **Day** the **Lord** has made; we will **Rejoice** and be **Glad** in it.”

Psalms 118:19-24 (NKJV)

Ancient Prophecies Of Isaiah Fulfilled In This New Age!

“The **Wilderness** and the **Wasteland** shall be **Glad** for them, and the **Desert** shall **Rejoice** and **Blossom as the Rose**; it shall **Blossom Abundantly** and **Rejoice**, even with **Joy** and **Singing**. The **Glory of Lebanon** shall be given to it, the **Excellence of Carmel and Sharon**. They shall see the **Glory of the Lord**, The **Excellency of Our God**. **Strengthen the Weak Hands and Make Firm the Feeble Knees...**

... Say to those who are **Fearful-Hearted**, '**Be Strong, Do Not Fear! Behold, Your God will Come with Vengeance, with the Recompense of God; He will Come and Save You!**' Then the **Eyes of the Blind** shall be **Opened**, and the **Ears of the Deaf** shall be **Unstopped**. Then the **Lame Shall Leap Like A Deer**, and the **Tongue of the Dumb** will **Sing**. For **Waters shall Burst Forth in the Wilderness**, and **Streams in the Desert**. The **Parched Ground** shall become a **Pool**, and the **Thirsty Land** Springs of **Water**; In the **Habitation of Jackals**, where each lay, there shall be **Grass with Reeds and Rushes**. A **Highway** shall be there, and a **Road**, and it shall be called the **Highway of Holiness**. The **Unclean Shall Not Pass Over It**, but it shall be for others. Whoever walks the **Road**, even a **Fool**, **Shall Not Go Astray**. **No Lion** shall be there, **Nor** shall any **Ravenous Beast** go up on it; it shall not be found there. But the **Redeemed Shall Walk There**, and the **Ransomed of the Lord Shall Return**, and **Come to Zion** with **Singing**, with **Everlasting Joy** on their **Heads**. They shall obtain **Joy and Gladness**, and **Sorrow and Sighing shall Flee Away**.”
Isaiah 35 (NKJV)

Ancient Words Spoken By Jesus Fulfilled In This Present New Age!

“The **Spirit of the Lord God Is Upon Me**, because the **Lord Has Anointed Me to Preach Good News (Tidings)** to the **Poor**; **He Has Sent Me to Heal the Brokenhearted**, to **Proclaim Liberty** to the **Captives**, and the **Opening of the Prison** to those who are **Bound**; **To Proclaim the Acceptable Year of the Lord**, and the **Day of Vengeance of our God**. **To Comfort all who Mourn**, to **Console** those who **Mourn in Zion**, to **Give** them **Beauty for Ashes**, the **Oil of Joy** for **Mourning**, the **Garment of Praise** for the **Spirit of Heaviness**; that they may be called **Trees of Righteousness**, the **Planting of the Lord**, that **He May Be Glorified!**”

Isaiah 61:1-3 (NKJV)

Q: “What Is Required Of God’s People To Be Able To Live & Serve In This New Age?”

A: Everyday Prerequisites

- 1) Having A Teachable Spirit, 2) Continued Curiosity & Learning,
- 3) Sharing Everything Together 4) Praying Together In Unity,
- 5) Coming Together To Praise & Worship God,
- & 6) Finding Favor With The Community,

Acts 2:42-47

A: Everyday Actions

- 7) Acting In Faith & Obedience As A Bold Witness
& As A Faithful Servant To God & Others

Acts 3:1-10

A) Authority & Power To Proclaim Healing In Jesus’ Name Given To His People

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!”

B) Response Of Cooperation & Faith, Are Needed By His People

“And **Peter took the man by the right hand and lifted him up**, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.”

C) Response Of Faith, Obedience, & Praise Are Needed By His People

“So, the **Man Leaping Up, Stood, Walked and Entered the Temple** with them, **Walking, Leaping, and Praising God!**”

Q: "What Is The Response Of The People Around Us?"

A: Amazement & Wonder About The Reality Of God In The World!

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Our Covenant Of Faith

*“Let Us Truly Be God’s Chosen People
Willingly Surrendered To Him
As His Faithful Followers & Servants
Ready To Do His Will,
That We May See His Miracles, Signs,
& Wonders Displayed In Our Lives,
That As Many Who Do Yet Believe In Our God,
Are Moved From Darkness To Light,
And From Unbelief To Faith
In Jesus Christ, Our Lord!”*