

July 12, 2020 - By Faith in Jesus

As followers of Jesus, our lives are to be lived by faith in Jesus.

- 2 Corinthians 5:7; Galatians 2:20

Acts 3:11-16

(V.11) - The beggar held onto them; the people came running to them.

(V.12) - Peter immediately set them straight on whose power had truly accomplished the miracle.

(V.13) - The God of their Patriarchs had exalted and glorified Jesus.

- By that glorification and God's resurrection of Jesus (V.15), God proved Jesus to be His servant.

- "[God's] servant" ties Jesus with God's suffering servant of Isaiah 52 & 53.

- They had rejected and handed over for death this Jesus, God's Messiah for them (Isaiah 53).

(V.14) - More direct emphasis on Jesus as their Messiah - "the Holy and Righteous One".

- "Holy and Righteous" = Set apart unto God and perfectly good in every way.

(V.15) - Peter accuses them of the murder of Jesus right after emphasizing that they had insisted that a murderer be released.

- "Author of life": the very One who created and sustains all life, and was the first to be raised back to life permanently by God.

- The God of their Patriarchs raised Jesus from the dead.

(V.16) - The main point: It is by faith in the name (the Person) of the Lord Jesus Christ and the faith that comes to believers by God's Holy Spirit that the beggar had been completely healed.

And it is by our faith in the name of that same Lord Jesus Christ that we are to live our lives today.

May we, by the help of God's Holy Spirit, be faithful to live by faith in Jesus, trusting Jesus in ALL things, ALL THE TIME.