

Peter's 'Arresting' Sermon

Acts 3:17-21

PART TWO

Introduction

Hebrews 2:3-4

The Basic Fundamental Structure for Gospel Presentation

- I. **The Explanation:** 'a statement or account that makes something clear.' (vv11-16)
- II. **The Exhortation:** 'an address or communication emphatically urging someone to do something.' (vv17-21)
- III. **The Encouragement:** 'the action of giving someone support, confidence, or hope.' (vv22-26)

I. The Exhortation (vv17-21)

"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers." v17

Exhortation = 'an address or communication emphatically urging someone to do something.'

"brothers"

They sent "the Author of Life" to His death, but they did it out of ignorance.

1 Corinthians 2:8

1 Timothy 1:12-14

Numbers 15:29-31

"But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled." v18

"Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out" v19

Gk **metanoeo** a strong change of mind; and **epistrepho** a determined change of direction or lifestyle.

The change of mind must come first.

Once the mind is convinced of truth from Scripture, a turning, a change of life necessarily follows.

"that your sins may be blotted out" Gk word meaning 'to wipe away; expunge.'

Colossians 2:13-14

Psalm 51:1-2

Isaiah 43:25

"I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you." Isaiah 44:22

"that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus" v20

Colossians 1:13-14

Times of refreshing (rest, respite, relief)

Times of refreshing come as King Jesus reigns supreme in the Kingdom of God in its 3-fold manifestation:

- 1) The *times of refreshing* will come when Christ the King reigns in the heart upon conversion (Luke 17:20-21; Rom. 14:17).
- 2) The *times of refreshing* will come when Christ the King reigns on this earth for a thousand years. (Ezek. 37:15-28; Zech. 14:8-21; Rev. 20:2-7)
- 3) The *times of refreshing* will come when Christ the King reigns forever in glory! (2 Sam. 7:13, 16; Dan. 2:44; 7:13-14; Lk. 1:32b-33; Heb. 1:8; Rev. 11:15)

You can be assured that "*times of refreshing*" will never come unless you repent and turn to Christ.

"times of refreshing...come from the presence of the Lord."

You cannot have the Kingdom without the King! *The Christ* is sent when sinners cry out for their King *Jesus*.

The Jews rejected their King.

Luke 19:41-44

The day of "visitation" marks the moment in time when salvation comes near (cf. 1 Peter 2:12).

Luke 10:8-12

The Messiah won't be sent to the Jewish people until they acknowledge who He is and cry out to Him:

Zechariah 12:10

"For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'" "

Matthew 23:39

And yet, He calls out to *all*...

Matthew 11:28-29

“whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.” v21

Acts 1:6

Until then, He waits.

Zechariah 13:1

Zechariah 14:4

“And the Lord will be king over all the earth. On that day the Lord will be one and his name one.” Zechariah 14:9