



93. Who Gets the Glory?

Peter said, "And on the basis of faith in His name, it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all. And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers did also. But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.

Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away," Acts 3:16-19.

Jesus said of the Spirit, "*He will glorify Me,*" John 16:14. By the power of the Spirit, Peter and John had healed a crippled man. And they took no glory to themselves as healers ... and gave none to the Spirit. Instead, they gave glory to Jesus. Peter explained that this healing was based on faith in the name of Jesus ... the healing was through Jesus. Miraculous healing expresses God's compassion. However, many people are not healed. That is because miracles are primarily God's exclamation points [!'s] to authenticate His Gospel. Peter directed everyone's

attention to Jesus as the source of healing. Then he pressed on to their need to repent. He pressed on to the Gospel.

The Holy Spirit's focus is on Jesus ... not on the Spirit Himself ... and not on the healing and not on the healer. Keep your focus on Jesus and His message. Always press on toward the Gospel. Let the Holy Spirit empower you to tell people about Jesus. Remember that the focus of the message is Jesus.

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