



POINTING *People*
TO CHRIST
Declaring the Blessings of Obedience
Acts 3:22-26

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Acts 3:22 Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. **23** And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.' **24** And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. **25** You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' **26** God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.'" (ESV)

1. Declare _____ (vv.22-23)

2. Declare _____ (vv.24-25)

3. Declare _____ (v.26)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org.

1. Read **Matthew 9:36-38**. Jesus' motivation in this passage to pray for more of us to actively work to reach the lost is based on his compassionate observation that they are "sheep without a shepherd." What can you do to be more acutely aware of people's *utter lostness* without Christ as the Lord of their lives?
2. Read **Psalms 23**. What are some of the advantages in the "here and now" of being a follower of Christ, the Good Shepherd (Jn.10:14)?
3. Read **Ephesians 2:11-12**. How can the statements and implications of this passage motivate you to share the gospel this week?
4. Read **Ephesians 5:5-11** and **Galatians 5:16-26**. How can the present benefits contrasted to the "unfruitful deeds" be rightly summarized when sharing the gospel without over promising an *always-happy* Christian life?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

February 2nd

Ex.29-30 & Mt.22:1-22

February 3rd

Ex.31-33 & Mt.22:23-46

February 4th

Ex.34-36 & Mt.23:1-22

February 5th

Ex.37-38 & Mt.23:23-39

February 6th

Ex.39-40 & Mt.24:1-22

February 7th

Lev.1-3 & Mt.24:23-51

February 8th

Lev.4-6 & Mt.25:1-30

February 9th

Lev.7-9 & Mt.25:31-46

This Week's Compass 20/20 Discussion Question (see CompassAV2020.com)

- Read **2 Peter 1:3-4**. How can realizing the goals of Compass 20/20 enable us to more effectively hold out God's great promises to this world?

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Msg. 13-57 – **Regeneration & The Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

Msg. 10-31 – **Looking to the End as a Humble Gentle**

Msg. 15-56 – **Justification & Regeneration**

Msg. 09-25 – **Connectedness: Being More Intentional About Biblical Fellowship**

Msg. 05-38 – **Count Your Spiritual Blessings**

Msg. 13-07 – **Grateful for An Inclusive God**

Msg. 15-11 – **The Bread of Life: A Necessity for this Life & the Next**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Barclay, William B. **The Secret of Contentment**. P & R Publishing, 2011.

Bavinck, Herman. **Saved by Grace: The Holy Spirit's Work in Calling and Regeneration**. RH Books, 2013.

Kistler, Don. **Trust and Obey: Obedience and the Christian**. Soli Deo Gloria Ministries, 1997.

Leiter, Charles. **Justification and Regeneration**. Granted Ministries Press, 2007.

Lewis, C. S. **The Screwtape Letters**. Barbour Publishing, 1990.

Love, Christopher. **The Mortified Christian**. Reprint. Soli Deo Gloria Publications, 1998.

Mackintosh, C. H. **Regeneration: What is It?** Independently Published, 2017.

Morgan, Christopher W. and Robert Peterson, eds. **Faith Comes by Hearing: A Response to Inclusivism**. IVP, 2008.

Needham, David. **Alive for the First Time: A Fresh Look at the New Birth Miracle**. Multnomah Press, 1995.

Pink, Arthur. **Regeneration or the New Birth**. Bottom of the Hill Publishing, 2011.

Ryle, J. C. **Regeneration: What It Means and Why It's Necessary**. Christian Focus, 2003.

Sproul, R. C. **What Does It Mean to be Born Again?** Reformation Trust Publishing, 2019.

Watson, Thomas. **The Art of Divine Contentment**. Soli Deo Gloria Publications, 1653 (reprint, 1998).

Wiersbe, Warren. **This is the Life: Enjoying the Blessings and Privileges of Faith in Christ**. Bakers Books, 2014.