

Acts 3:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Analysis

The healing occurred 'through faith in his name' - not faith of the lame man (who expected alms) but faith exercised through the apostles. The phrase 'his name' represents Christ's person, power, and authority. Perfect soundness came not gradually but instantaneously 'in the presence of you all.'

Historical Context

The 'name' in Hebrew thought represented the person's character and authority. Invoking Jesus' name meant acting in His power and according to His will.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. Whose faith brought this healing, and what does that teach about intercession?

2. How does healing 'in Jesus' name' differ from magical incantation?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ἐπὶ	τῇ	πίστις	τοῦ	ὄνομα	αὐτῷ	τοῦτον	ὄν
And	through	G3588	faith	G3588	in his name	him	this	whom
G2532	G1909		G4102		G3686	G846	G5126	G3739
θεωρεῖτε	καὶ	οἶδατε	ἐστερέωσεν	τὸ	ὄνομα	αὐτῷ	καὶ	
ye see	And	know	hath made	G3588	in his name	him	And	
G2334	G2532	G1492	G4732		G3686	G846	G2532	
ἡ	πίστις	ἡ	δι'	αὐτῷ	ἔδωκεν	αὐτῷ	τὴν	ὀλοκληρίαν
G3588	faith	G3588	by	him	hath given	him	G3588	perfect soundness
	G4102		G1223	G846	G1325	G846		G3647
ταύτην	ἀπέναντι	πάντων	ὑμῶν					
G3778	in the presence	all	of you					
	G561	G3956	G5216					

Additional Cross-References

Acts 3:6 (Parallel theme): Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Acts 4:10 (Parallel theme): Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

Acts 14:9 (Faith): The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

Acts 16:18 (Parallel theme): And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

Matthew 9:22 (Faith): But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

1 Corinthians 13:2 (Faith): And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

John 14:12 (Faith): Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Acts 3:8 (Parallel theme): And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

Acts 4:7 (Parallel theme): And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

Deuteronomy 32:4 (Parallel theme): He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.