

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 ὃν
And through G3588 faith G3588 in his name him this whom
G2532 G1909 G4102 G3686 G846 G5126 G3739

Θεωρεῖτε καὶ οἴδατε ἐστερέωσεν τὸ ὄνομα αὐτῷ καὶ
ye see And know hath made in his name him And
G2334 G2532 G1492 G4732 G3588 G3686 G846 G2532

ἡ πίστις ἡ δι' αὐτῷ ἔδωκεν αὐτῷ τὴν ὄλοκληρίαν
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.