

Acts 3:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

Analysis

God sent Jesus 'unto you first' - Israel had priority in receiving the gospel. The purpose was 'to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.' Blessing through Christ means liberation from sin, not merely material prosperity.

Historical Context

The phrase 'unto you first' explains Paul's later strategy: 'to the Jew first, and also to the Greek' (Romans 1:16). Israel's priority was chronological and strategic, not exclusive.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. What does God's blessing through Christ actually provide?
2. How does Israel's priority inform the church's ongoing relationship with Jewish people?

Interlinear Text

ὑμῖν πρῶτον ὁ θεὸς ἀναστήσας τὸν παῖδα αὐτὸν
Unto you first God having raised up Son him
G5213 G4412 G3588 G2316 G450 G3588 G3816 G846

'Ιησοῦν, ἀπέστειλεν αὐτὸν εὐλογοῦντα ὑμᾶς ἐν τῷ
Jesus sent him to bless you in G3588
G6424 G649 G846 G2127 G5209 G1722

ἀποστρέφειν ἔκαστον ἀπὸ τῶν πονηριῶν ὑμῶν
turning away every one from G3588 his iniquities of you
G654 G1538 G575 G4189 G5216

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 1:21 (References Jesus): And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Acts 3:22 (Resurrection): For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

Acts 3:25 (Blessing): Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

Romans 1:16 (References God): For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Jude 1:24 (Parallel theme): Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

Acts 26:20 (References God): But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Acts 2:24 (Resurrection): Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

Acts 1:8 (Parallel theme): But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 3:15 (Resurrection): And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

Psalms 72:17 (Blessing): His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

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