

# 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

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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

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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

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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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

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ὕμῖν	πρῶτον	ὁ	θεὸς	ἀναστήσας	τὸν	παῖδα	αὐτὸν
Unto you	first	G3588	God	having raised up	G3588	Son	him
G5213	G4412		G2316	G450		G3816	G846
Ἰησοῦν,	ἀπέστειλεν	αὐτὸν	εὐλογοῦντα	ὑμᾶς	ἐν	τῷ	
Jesus	sent	him	to bless	you	in		G3588
G2424	G649	G846	G2127	G5209	G1722		
ἀποστρέφειν	ἕκαστον	ἀπὸ	τῶν	πονηριῶν	ὑμῶν		
turning away	every one	from	G3588	his iniquities	of you		
G654	G1538	G575		G4189	G5216		

## Additional Cross-References

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**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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