

Acts 3:1–16

A Pitiful Pauper at the Beautiful Gate

Lesson for July 25, 2026

Acts 3:1 (KJV) — 1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

What do we know about the association of Peter and John as a working unit?

Luke 5:10

Mark 5:37; 9:2; 13:3; 14:33

Luke 22:8

John 18:15, 16

“... went up together ...”

Imperfect tense

“were going up.”

“ . . . ninth hour . . . ”

About 3:00 pm

Matthew 27:45

Luke 1:9–10

Acts 3:2 (KJV) — 2 And a *certain man lame from his mother's womb* was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

Acts 4:2

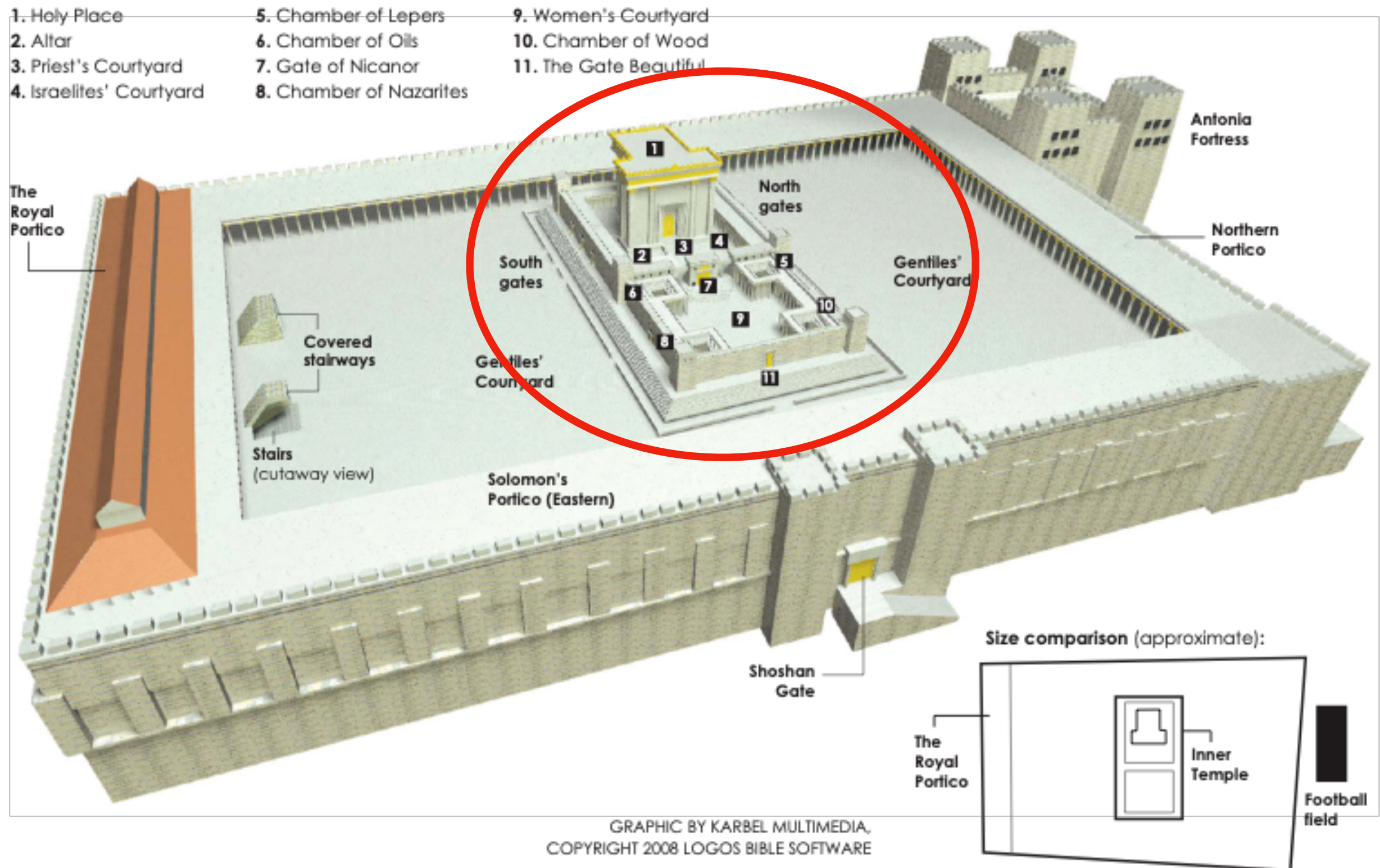
According to historical records from Josephus and biblical tradition, the gate called “Beautiful” was made of heavy, shimmering Corinthian brass, which was much more costly and valuable than standard bronze or gold plating.

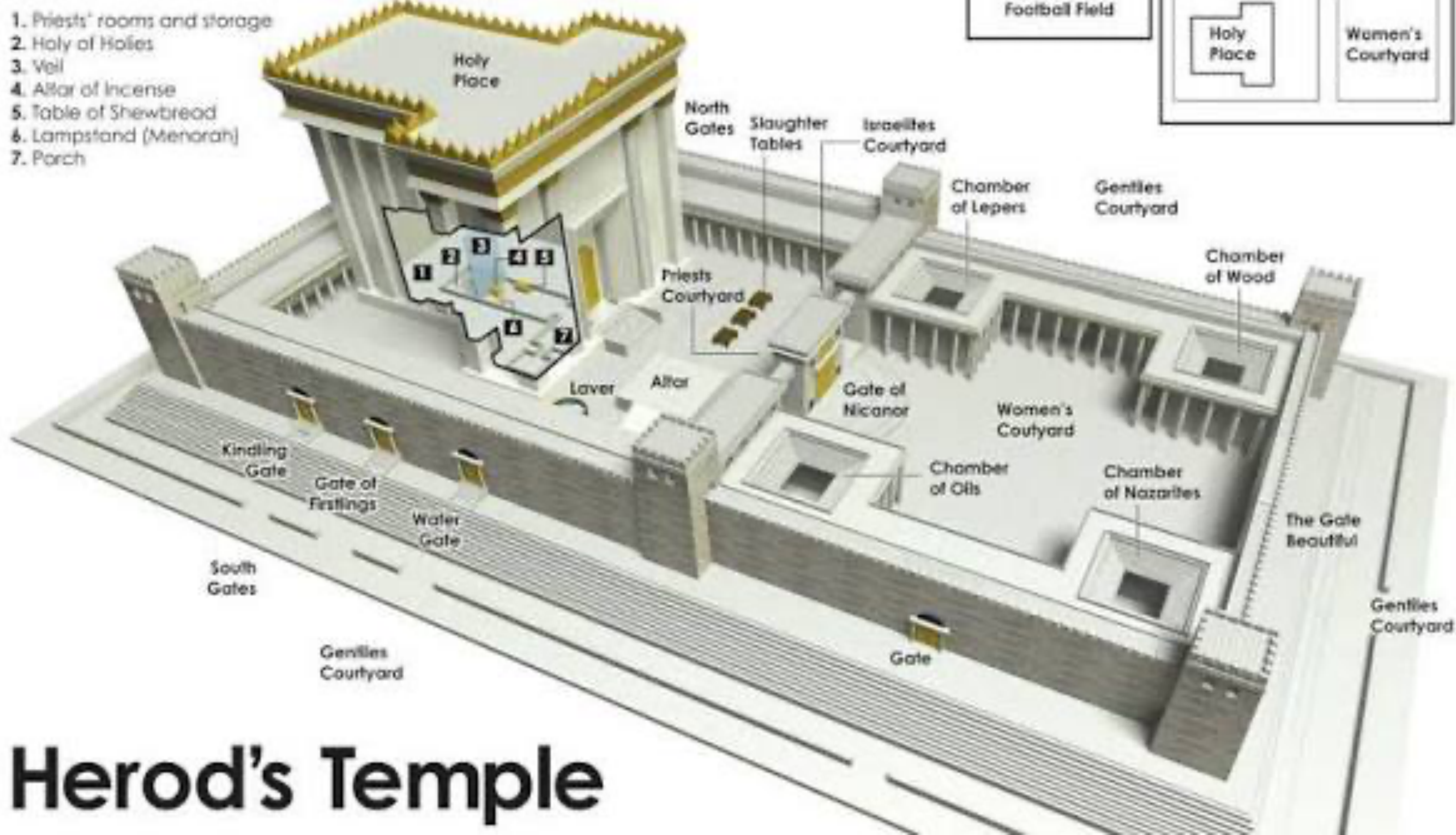
It stood much taller and wider than many of the other temple entrances, serving as a massive and impressive entryway into the inner courts.

The structure featured elaborate carvings, heavy metalwork, and meticulous craftsmanship that stood out even among the lavish architecture of Herod's Temple

Herod's "Second" Temple on the Temple Mount

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“ . . . to ask alms . . . ”

What was his alternative?

How many IT or desk jobs existed then?

Acts 3:3 (KJV) — 3 Who seeing Peter and John about to *go into the temple* asked an alms.

Why were Peter and John going into the Temple when Peter cut off the last part of **Joel 2:32** in his sermon at Pentecost.

John 4:22–24

What might be said about all who would go into the Temple?

Acts 3:4 (KJV) — 4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, **Look** on us.

Why did Peter say, “look on us”?

Hebrews 12:2; Isaiah 2:22;

1 Corinthians 11:1

For years the church has been looking to man and expecting much from man, but not looking to Jesus, in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered. Therefore God gave to His servants a testimony that presented the truth as it is in Jesus, which is the third angel's message, in clear, distinct lines. (*Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, p. 93.1)

Acts 3:5 (KJV) — 5 And he gave heed unto them,
expecting to receive something of them.

Acts 3:6 (KJV) — 6 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 2:45; 5:2

“... silver and gold have I...”



. . . such as I have give I thee: . . .

Acts 2:45; 5:2

What do we have to give?

“... In the name of Jesus Christ. . . .”

Acts 4:18; 5:40; 9:27; 16:18; 26:9; 1 Corinthians 1:10;

Ephesians 5:20; Philippians 2:10;

Acts 2:38; 8:12, 16; 19:5;

Acts 19:13–15

“ . . . of Nazareth . . . ”

John 1:46; 19:19

By diligence in canvassing, by faithfully presenting to the people the cross of Calvary, the canvasser doubles his powers of usefulness. But while we present methods of work we cannot lay out an undeviating line in which everyone shall move, for circumstances alter cases. God will impress those whose hearts are open to truth and who are longing for guidance. He will say to His human agent: "Speak to this one or to that one of the love of Jesus." No sooner is the name of Jesus mentioned in love and tenderness than angels of God draw near to soften and subdue the heart. (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, p. 339.2)

“ . . . rise up and walk . . . ”

This man, crippled from birth, had never walked, or if at all, most haltingly. Peter commanded obedience in God's power, regardless of conditions. Faithful obedience meant health.

How was this and subsequent miracles the apostles performed different from Christ's miracles?

Acts 3:7 (KJV) — 7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and *ankle bones* received strength.

Colossians 4:14; Isaiah 35:3

Acts 3:8–9 (KJV) — 8 And he **leaping up** stood, and walked, and entered with them **into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.** 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

Remember the time of the day this took place?

What can we understand based on that?

If you had NEVER walked, run, or stood before,
what would you have done.

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Acts 3:10 (KJV) — 10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

What affect did this have on the people?

Acts 3:11 (KJV) — 11 And as the lame man which was healed **held** (clung to) Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

Imagine, in your mind, what this was like.

“ . . . porch that is called Solomon’s, . . . ”

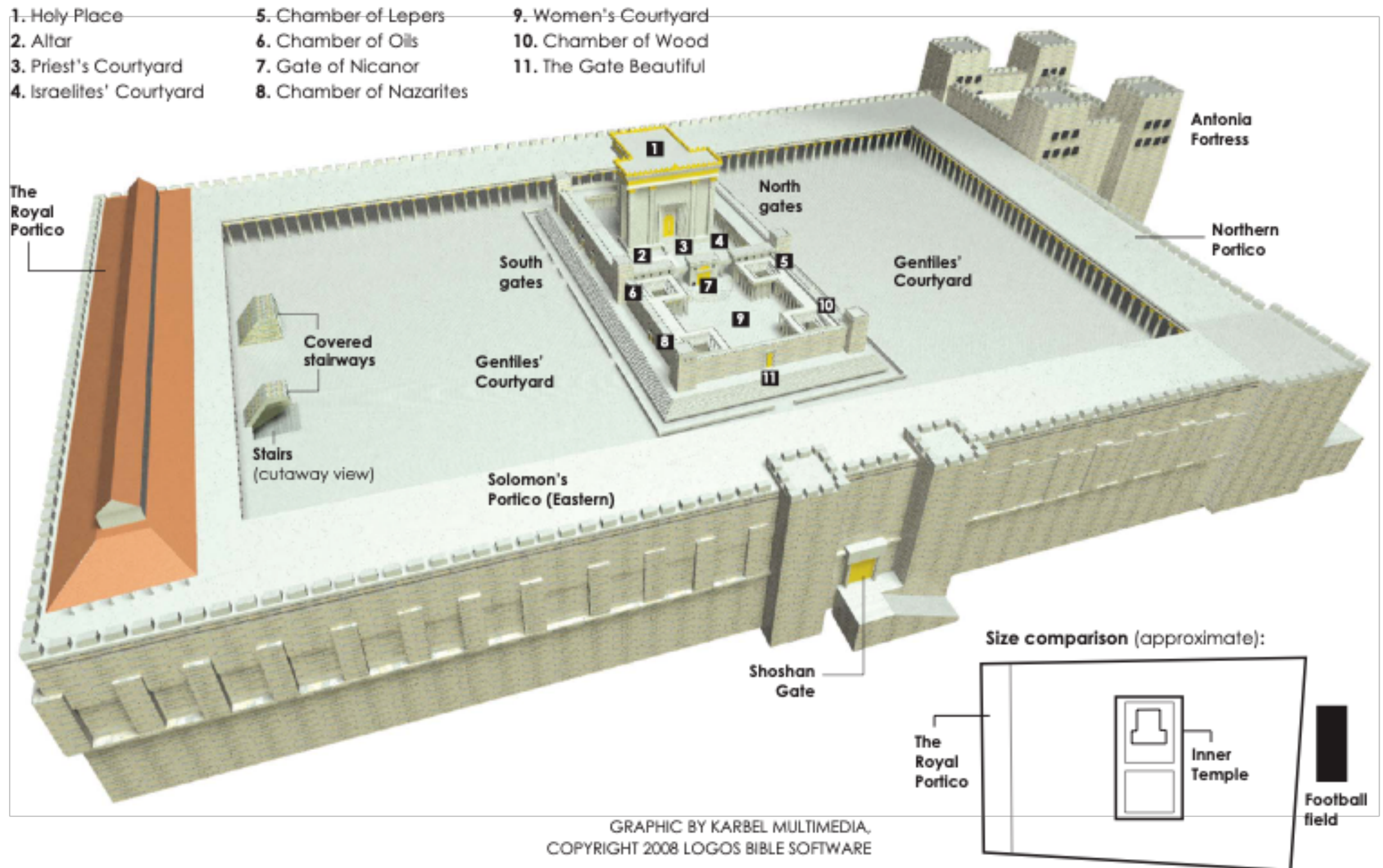
Porch = στοά (*stoa*); a portico

John 10:23

Acts 5:12

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Acts 3:12 (KJV) — 12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

John 14:12

Acts 3:13 (KJV) — 13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

Acts 3:14 (KJV) — 14 But **ye** denied the Holy One
and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted
unto you;

Matthew 23:28–30

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

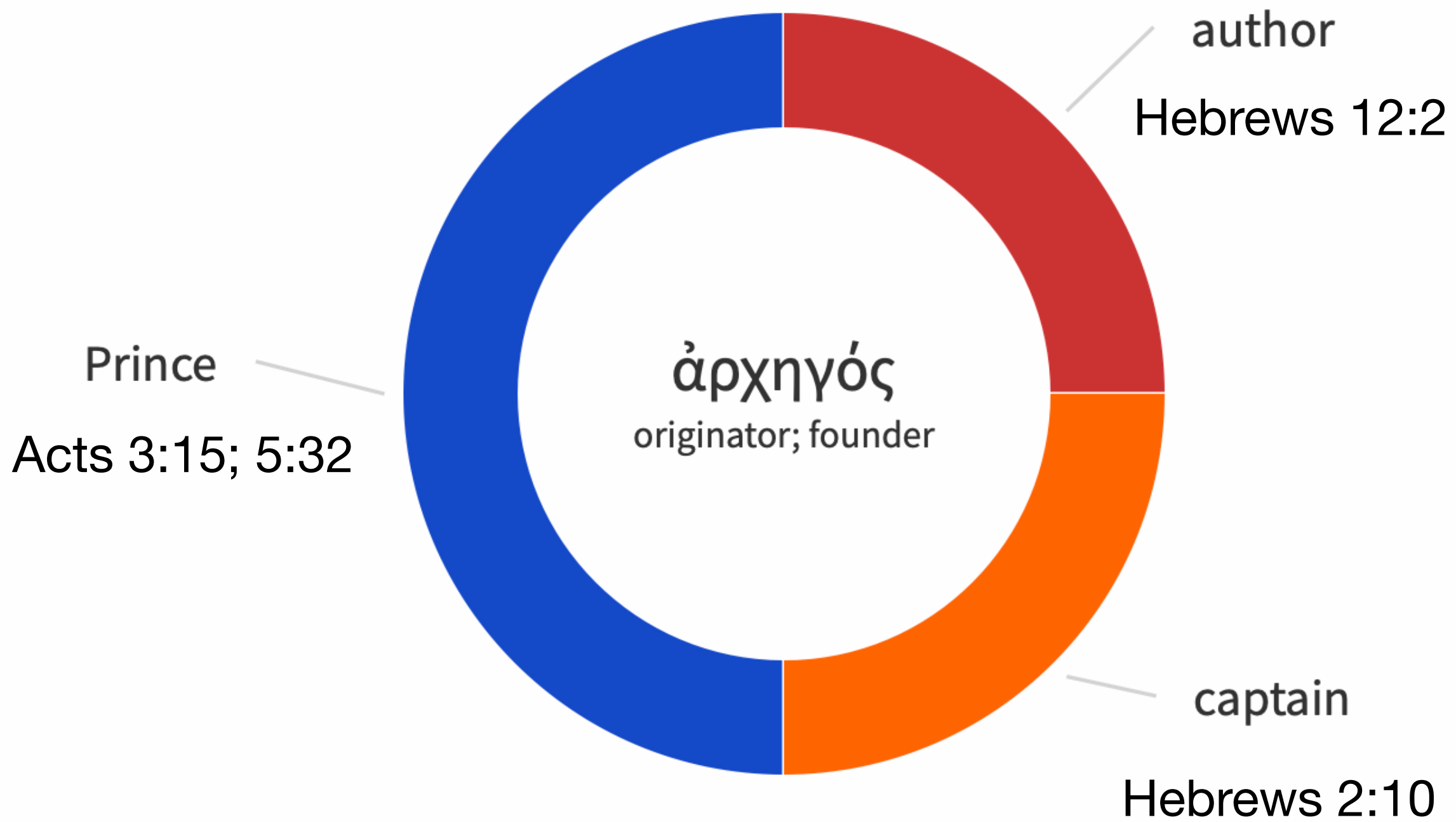
Acts 2:24

Romans 6:4; 8:11

Ephesians 1:19–20

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

Prince = ἀρχηγός (*archēgos*); founder, leader:



Acts 3:16 (KJV) — 16 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.

Acts 16:31; Ephesians 2:8–9

Romans 3:25–26; 10:9

Galatians 2:16

