

## MARKS OF AN EFFECTIVE, PERSONAL MINISTRY

(Acts 9:32-43)

### I. THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (1-2)

### II. THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (3-7)

### III. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JUDEA, SAMARIA, AND SYRIA (8-12)

#### A. The Conversion of Saul Who becomes Paul the Apostle (9:1-19)

#### B. Paul Preaches Jesus in the Synagogues (9:20-22)

#### C. The Apostle Paul's Sojourn in Arabia (9:23a; Gal. 1:11-18)

#### D. Paul's Escape and First Visit to the Church in Jerusalem (9:23b-31)

#### E. Peter Performs Mighty Miracles throughout the Country (9:32-43)

##### 1. Peter Heals a Paralyzed Man (vv. 32-35)

- a. Peter traveled 25 miles northwest of Jerusalem to see the saints and give them \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in a town called Lydda; it was predominantly a Gentile community.  
(v. 32)
- b. Aeneas had been \_\_\_\_\_ with paralysis for 8 long years; with a Greek name  
he was most likely a \_\_\_\_\_ Jew. (v. 33)
- c. Even though Peter was an apostle and he had the "sign gifts," he claimed \_\_\_\_\_ power  
of his own; he boldly stated it was \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ this man. (v. 34)
- d. Evidently, a very \_\_\_\_\_ number of the population who lived in Lydda and Sharon  
\_\_\_\_\_ (*i.e., believed*) \_\_\_\_\_ (*epi*) the Lord. (v. 35)

##### 2. Peter Raises a Woman from the Dead (vv. 36-43)

- a. In the ancient seaport of Joppa (about 10 miles northwest of Lydda) there was a  
\_\_\_\_\_ by the name of Tabitha who had been occupied with  
charitable \_\_\_\_\_ towards others. (v. 36)
- b. Tabitha passed away and her friends prepared her body by washing it, but they did \_\_\_\_\_  
anoint it with oils, \_\_\_\_\_ did they \_\_\_\_\_ it; instead, they laid her in a private  
upper room. (v. 37)

- c. Tabitha's friends had heard that the leading \_\_\_\_\_ was in the nearby town and they sent two men, \_\_\_\_\_ to come to Joppa quickly. (v. 38)
  
- d. In her life, Tabitha had a \_\_\_\_\_ towards widows, and these \_\_\_\_\_ women showed Peter that the very clothes they were \_\_\_\_\_ she had made. (v. 39)
  
- e. Kneeling and praying demonstrated Peter's \_\_\_\_\_ upon the Lord Jesus (just like in v. 34); he then commanded Tabitha to arise and \_\_\_\_\_! (v. 40)
  
- f. Peter then presented Tabitha to the saints alive; this wonderful news \_\_\_\_\_ throughout all of Joppa. (vv. 41-43)

### 3. Some Needed Reminders Regarding Signs, Wonders, and Healings

- a. Class "A" miracles are those which \_\_\_\_\_ or do not conform to the basic laws of science (Exod. 12:12; 14:21-22; Josh. 10:12-14); whereas class "B" miracles are those that involve some change in the functioning of a natural process that is \_\_\_\_\_ the laws of science (Exod. 12:29-30; Acts 5:17-19; 16:25-27; Jas. 5:17-18).
  
- b. Throughout history there have been \_\_\_\_\_ main periods where miracles have intensified which include the times of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_, though miracles still occurred sporadically throughout the Old Testament besides these intensified periods (Judg. 6:37-40; 16:28-30; 2 Kings 19:35-36; 20:1-11; Dan. 3:20-26; 5:5; 6:16-28).
  
- c. The explicit purpose of miracles as stated in Scripture is to \_\_\_\_\_ the authenticity of God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Exod. 10:1-2; Matt. 11:2-5; Mark 16:17-20; John 20:30-31; Acts 2:22; 10:38-39; 14:3; Rom. 15:19; 2 Cor. 12:12; Heb. 2:3-4)

\* What can you learn from all of this?