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(d) We See Him Laughing, 3:8b – "...and praising God."

Summary:

- Peter and John are actively "putting on Christ" in their routine of life. They are faithful in attendance and prayer.
- They encounter a man that is symbolic of all mankind *lame from birth*.

Psa. 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Job 25:4 How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean [that is] born of a woman?

Rom. 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

- The lame man wanted temporary relief, not spiritual help.
- Peter confronted him, demanding the lame man's attention "Look on us."
- The lame man's motive was to receive materialistic help.
- Peter healed the man in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The healing is instantaneous, just like salvation.
- The lame man, healed, exhibited great joy and praise to God.
- He must stand before he can walk, and after he gets running, he wants to praise God.
- The lame man's testimony is public, a testimony to others.
- The healing of the lame man was an outstanding testimony of God's love, mercy, grace and power.

Conclusion

<u>Acts 1:8</u> 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.

<u>2 Cor. 5:14</u> For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: <u>15</u> And *that* he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. ... <u>20</u> Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. <u>21</u> For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.