

Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

<u>21</u> Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.
<u>22</u> 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.
<u>23</u> And it shall come to pass, *that* every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among

the people.

<u>24</u> Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

25 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.

<u>26</u> 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.

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Rom. 1:16 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.

New International Version

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

**English Standard Version** 

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**New American Standard Bible** 

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Holman Christian Standard Bible For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is God's power for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek.

King James Bible 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. <u>http://biblehub.com/romans/1-16.htm</u>

(3) The Return of Christ, 3:19-26

(a) Peter Woos Them to Repentance, 3:19-21

i. The Times of Refreshing, 3:19

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Jer. 50:20 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and *there shall be* none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.

<u>Amos 9:14</u> And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. <u>15</u> And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God. Rom 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: 27 For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

Heb. 8:10 For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

(See Isa. 35:1-10, 43:25-28, 44:21-22, Jer. 23:5, Zech. 14:9)

ii. The Times of Restitution, 3:20-21

Acts 3:20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

(b) Peter Warns Them of Retribution, 3:22-24

### i. The Appeal to Moses as Prophet, 3:22-23

<u>Acts 3:22</u> 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. <u>23</u> And it shall come to pass, *that* every soul, which will not hear

that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

Deut. 18:15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

<u>16</u> According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

<u>17</u> And the LORD said unto me, They have well *spoken that* which they have spoken.

<u>18</u> I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

> ii. The Appeal to Many Other Prophets, 3:24

<u>Acts 3:24</u> Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

# (c) Peter Wakens Them to Responsibility, 3:25-26

i. As Jews, 3:25

Acts 3:25 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.

ii. Regarding Jesus, 3:26

<u>Acts 3:26</u> 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.

New International Version When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways."

## English Standard Version God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness."

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Holman Christian Standard Bible God raised up His Servant and sent Him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your evil ways."

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## **Conclusion**

<u>Rom. 1:16</u> 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. (See <u>Psa. 25:2, 20, 31:1, 17, 119:6, 80</u>)

<u>Mark 8:38</u> Whosoever therefore shall be **ashamed of me and of my words** in this adulterous and sinful generation; **of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed**, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

#### Rom. 5:5, 10:11, 2 Tim. 1:8

<u>2 Tim. 1:12</u> For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. <u>2 Tim. 2:15</u> Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that **needeth not to be ashamed**, rightly dividing the word of truth.

<u>Heb. 11:16</u> But now they desire a better *country*, that is, an heavenly: wherefore **God is not ashamed to be called their God**: for he hath prepared for them a city.

<u>1 Jn. 2:28</u> And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.