

## Only (Acts 4:1-12)

Mankind cannot survive without God's blessing and that is why along with the answer of Christ that God has given to us we are holding onto only. One thing for sure is that Christ is the answer. However they may be, they must do only Christ. Most cases we half heartedly do only Christ. It is such a pitiful state however, if your eyes are open to only Christ you will conquer the world. You will be able to conquer your problems and your life. That is the conclusion of the bible. May this grace be upon us all. Through your prayer I was able to return back well from my time at the RU Latin America Evangelism Disciple course. I do believe last time when we first had it there were at least 25 disciples from the Toluca region but now this time there were around ten people. I do believe that they had some financial burden and difficulties because they were not in the state to come and receive the training. Because I was able to go a couple days before the RU evangelism disciple course began I was able to have the time for a forum with the disciples. During lunch time we had a forum and I received much grace. There was a pastor named Marulio. He is from the northern side of Latin America. This person always comes ahead of time to wait for the bible study that I lead with the Latin America pastor disciples. This time he brought his daughter along. The daughter said in her forum that her parents were so legalistic in the past and her mother was more legalistic than her father. One time it was so hard on her to the extent that she went and approached a counselor, what should I do? The counselor said you shouldn't leave yet your father should live in a different region. So the daughter decided to live in Mexico city. She shared her forum and said the many changes that were taking place in her family so I questioned her father the pastor, after you came to hear of this accurate gospel what changes has taken place in your life? It's just recently that he came to hear of this accurate gospel and he's been attending the bible study for a couple of months. When it was his turn to speak up he didn't say much he just simply put his head down and was in tears. Of course, we were able to understand where he was coming from even though he did not speak a single word and there were other disciples from Toluca who saw him and began to shed tears as well. Right next to the disciple from Toluca who was in tears was camp minister Reiko and she was in tears as well. I was truly thankful for that. Of course, prior to this movement there were many people who attended the training and were in tears after they heard the gospel. There was a pastor who went and attended the first level camp training for three nights and four days. Whenever he heard the message he would always be in tears. Of course, it was such a simple message but yet it touched his heart because he would diligently with all his efforts try to evangelize and pray but nothing was working out for him. There were so many people who attended the first level camp training and they were astounded to hear the message to which they were in tears. After thinking of

that I was so thankful to God. So in the end the pastor was not able to share his forum with us. Of course, we did not have enough time so we had to leave. I was able to confirm once again that the gospel that we listen to is so precious. Of course, as he took a look back upon his own life with all the changes and healing that arose within the gospel he was in tears. May you receive much grace. We have the correct understanding of the accurate gospel compared to others. You must never take it so lightly. You must be able to correctly understand the gospel and yet through that we have much interest to relay the gospel. Of course, as we concentrate on the gospel and have much interest to relay this gospel we do not take our personal prayer before God so lightly. After coming to believe in Jesus in the past we were so focused within our own diligent prayer and we lacked the understanding of the gospel and the covenant. There are many times where you have oppressed yourself because you were not fervently praying before the Lord. That is why in our walk of faith in the past our number one priority was prayer. Through coming to know and understand the gospel, the covenant, and the enjoyment of it your own personal prayer became secondary. Of course, we are the people of God that yearn to be within 24 hour prayer. Of course, it doesn't mean that you should fervently pray just so that you could be at the place of 24 hour prayer. Before you are in the place of 24 hour prayer may you be able to continuously restore the time of prayer before God. That is how the gospel will be moved. That is why with prayer alone, God will be at work. This is a testimony from someone. There was a family from Seoul who had to go to the countryside for a family matter. He was about to get into the car, but heard the voice of God. The voice said not to get in the car. The entire family had to go into the car, but the voice that seemed like God told him not to so he questioned whether it was God or just his thoughts. The moment he tried to step into the car, someone called on him to tell him not to enter the car. He lacked understanding, so he prayed at that moment. He prayed to God, asking him to send a sign by having his mother tell them to take the city bus. If she does, then he would perceive this voice as God's. It is because there would be no reason for his mother to tell them to ride the city bus for it would take longer. When he told his mother, she said to take the city bus so he did. When he arrived home, he found that his family had not arrived. He got a phone call from the hospital and it turns out that they were in a car accident. His family members were all hurt. As a representative of the family, he went to the police station for the accident. If he was to get in the car, he would have sat in the passenger seat where the other car had directly hit. Even though his family was hospitalized, he was so thankful to God. He knelt down on the cement floor and prayed before God. During prayer, he heard the voice of God. He heard the voice calling his name saying that all of the prayers from his young age will now be answered. From then on, he was able to devote his life as a missionary. What you must keep in mind is that your past prayer

will all take place now. God remembers all of the prayers given until now. It doesn't mean you have to be in 24 hour prayer, but need to continuously pray to him. May this be the time in which you hold onto the covenant as you pray.

## 1. Only

Today's verse 12 is a well-known scripture. I state, "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." That is why John 14:6 states, "No one comes to the Father except through me." Compared to the religious leaders and Israelites, Peter was so ignorant, but he was able to testify boldly before them. Peter was able to boldly say, "there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." in Acts 3, Peter was able to raise the lamed beggar completely by the name of Jesus Christ. He entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. For the lam beggar, it was his lifelong dream to enter the temple. Because of this, there was a commotion in Jerusalem to which 3,000 people returned to the Lord. Today it says that 5,000 men returned back to the Lord. It says in verse 6 that all the high priest's families gathered. All of the families gathered and persecuted the disciples to not share the gospel. But would that stop the disciples? For Jerusalem, they would captivate the Early Church's members, but the numbers kept on rising. Within the great work, Peter was the center of it all. What is more important is why Peter was greatly used. It is because he did Only Christ. He did Only Christ. Verse 10 explains that it is in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. You must never understand this as a story that is simply recorded in the Bible. Whenever we read an important point, we usually just pass by it. When we read the bible passage, there is always a very important point. You must never forget this. It doesn't mean you will go to Hell, but it will be a great loss. Through the recording and explanation in the Bible, your spiritual eyes must be open to Only Christ. And all of mankind is living this life because of the curse from original sin. God has given only one answer, and that is Christ. That is why we say Christ is the only solution to all problems. The reason why we have problems is because God permits it so that we can do only Christ. You must place inside of your heart that the solution to the problem that occurred because of Genesis 3 is only Christ. You must acknowledge this. You'll be at a loss even if you have faith if you don't acknowledge this. May this be the covenant inside your heart. And may this take deep root inside of you to which it becomes your nature. May you truly enter within this. You may face countless problems. But God has promised you one thing, and that is Jesus Christ. You must be able to live your life with this answer. If you come to the answer of only Christ, even if you face problems, it does not matter. And why do you face continuous problems? It's so that you come to this answer of only Christ. God only has one goal: for you to

come to answer and the conclusion to which you have victory and conquest. God is capable of blocking any problem you face. God can raise up many miracles to which He can uproot the problems for you. But God does not do that. Why is that? It is because through the problem that you face, He wants you to come to the answer of Christ. He wants you to stand as a witness as you conquer all problems with only Christ. God never wants to give you suffering. There is no reason for God to give such trouble to you because of the fellowship and relationship we have with God. May you not fall into misunderstanding or misconception. May you once again come to the answer that Jesus Christ is the answer to all problems.

## 2. Testify of Only Christ

The second point we'll look at is "Testify of Only Christ." it is not simply to testify of Christ; it is to testify only Christ. Peter testified of only Christ. It was to the extent to which he asked, "Is there a different name under heaven given to men to which they must be saved?" From the onset, this was Peter's conclusion. That is why he was able to boldly testify of what is in Verse 12. You must be like this as well. May this be discovered. To discover is to realize. And it must be applied to your life. Then, you will see the unprecedented, never-repeated answer. May you come to your senses and really see this. May you not simply listen to the message. May you really stand where you are and question if this is true. The answer that Peter received was the unprecedented and never-repeated answer. There was a great commotion in Jerusalem, and it was a work that never arose before and never afterwards. So, you might ask yourself, "How can I receive the 100 year answer?" You may ask yourself, "How can I receive the unprecedented, never-repeated answer?" Of course, everyone yearns for that. The start to all of that is only. It is not just 50% Jesus Christ. It is 100% Jesus Christ in you. That is why you are able to live your life with the covenant of Jesus Christ alone. May you ask yourself at this moment: What are you living for? Of course, when you give worship, you are only Christ. But in most cases, many of us, as we live our life, completely forget about Christ. That is why with Christ alone, may you live your life. That means that you are staking your life to only Christ. That is why your thoughts, your ideology, your beliefs, and even your work are inside of Christ alone. And that is why you must be fixated on Christ in your heart. For Daniel, he resolved in his heart. There was no falw when he resolved in his heart. What did he resolve in his heart? He resolved in his heart of only Jesus Christ. He resolved the covenantal blood. That is why he said he would not be defiled by all the idol's food. This was Daniel's resolution. That is why Christ is 100% in you. You must be able to end all things with Christ alone. Of course, to have this posture as you live your life is not easy. Yet, it is not impossible. May you think about it and pray, and one day, God will give you the answer. How joyful

God must be. That's why it is not only just in the beginning. May it be only Christ to the very end. And today's passage that we read is not just an incident that arose. This is a promise. God is giving us the promise that if you do only Christ just like Peter has, you will receive the same answer just like him. You must receive this as your promise and believe in it. Another answer God gives to us is that if you testify, works will arise. It is the promise that if you do only Christ and you testify of Christ, the same work that arose to the apostles will be upon you. That is why you must testify of only Christ. For you to stand as a witness of only Christ, you must live with only Christ. Just like that, the disciples will be established, and the works that arose within the apostles will be upon you. It is promised that if you continue this, the gospel will expand through you. That is why it is not merely what has been recorded in the Bible. That is why just as he has promised to Peter, he tells us that he will do the same. This is why you must do only Christ. He said that just as it was promised to Peter, it will be promised to you. Do you believe in this? May you believe and hold onto it as your covenant. May you pray holding onto it. One day will come to you when you continuously confess of only Christ. That one day will come where you will come to the answer of only Christ. That day will come where God will greatly work upon you. May you be strengthened and may you start anew. From the onset, children of God will have a new day every day. Yesterday was in the past. Whoever is seized by the works that took place yesterday, you have no choice but to perish today. If there are any mistakes you made yesterday, may you repent before the Lord and start anew today. This is what it is. Yesterday's failures become springboards and platforms for today. This is the authority of the believers. For believers, they will never fail within today and tomorrow. May this blessing be upon us all. May the blessing of Peter be upon you because it is the promise of God. We are in the midst of a church camp, may this promise be upon us all. This is the message that God gives to us through Acts 3 and 4. When you do only Christ you will be set free from all the snares in your life. For the lame beggar, ever since he was born, he was under curses, but after meeting Christ everything was completely restored for him. Everything can be restored all of a sudden. It is all according to God's time schedule. It can be healed little by little. That too is God's time schedule. In the end where will it lead to? Conquest. What is the answer? It is only Jesus Christ. Satan can never defeat you and Satan has no choice but to crumble. Of course, we all face problems and incidents and spiritual problems, but the conclusion of the Bible is that nothing else other than Christ is needed. Everything else will be resolved for you. As we live our life, there are certain aspects that may be perishing. In those aspects, may you hold onto only Christ, and they will be revived. Especially for the seven remnants, they did only to the personal covenant that God gave to them. They received such historical answers. They never set their eyes elsewhere and were only fixated on the covenant until the end.

They faced crises and hardships from time to time. Yet, their covenants never changed and they were never shaken. In the end, they were all victorious. Why did God record this in the Bible? God is saying that it will take place for you as well. We never know if we have two or five talents from God. God has never given us one talent. If it is just merely half a talent God has given to you, then that is what you can leave behind. If it is only one talent, they are truly not a person of God. We have received much more than that. All the figures had no choice but to have victory and conquest. If this is the truth, there is the sure work that must be done by you. You must do only to the covenant of Jesus Christ and may you not look elsewhere. Everything else will be done in God's time and by God's desires. We have no idea when or how it will take place. There is one thing that you must do. It is to do only Christ. God says to do only Christ, so that is what you must do. Then, little by little, God will continuously give you evidence. It is not just Christ, may you do only Christ. This is the content that is continuously being emphasized in the gospel. Did this take place in the Old Testament? Yes, it did. All those who did only to the blood sacrifice of the covenant had victory and conquest. The promising blood that was testified in the Old Testament was completed in the New Testament. Those who did only Christ had no choice but to be victorious and have conquest. This is the same evidence that arose in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. That is why, there is nothing else you should be concerned about. Even if you die, may you end it all in Christ. May you deeply come to this conclusion. May you have that sincere time where you think about it. This is what meditation is. Without meditating on this word of God, it can never be your own word. When you return back home, may you think of this. Is God truly my answer? Must I truly live by Christ? Is Christ truly the answer to all? May you think of it, come to the answer, and resolve inside of your heart before God. I do believe there will be new changes that arise in your life. May God's great blessing be upon you.