



“Snapshots of a New Creation”- Part 2

Acts 4:18-31 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon

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Introduction – *After those who believed in Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit, their lives were radically changed. Four things stand out in their lives as a new creation in Christ. First, in spite of suffering, they served God consistently. Today we consider a second mark of a believer’s response to suffering.*

I. Praying to God Personally.

- A. When Peter and John are released from prison, they joined other believers in prayer to God.
- B. They didn’t just pray prayers, they prayed to God as an aspect of their personal relationship with Him.
- C. A relationship with God is only personal if it is two-way.
- D. God has spoken to us and revealed Himself to us in His Word.

E. In their prayer, Peter and John focus on the character of God.

1. Note the prophet Jeremiah’s prayer.
(Jeremiah 32:17-20)

2. Note what Peter and John don’t prayer for:

3. Note what they do pray for:

II. Praying to God Biblically.

- A. Prayer in a personal relationship with God is a two-way conversation.
- B. We respond to God in Prayer based on what He has spoken to us in His Word.
- C. Look at how Peter and John pray –
- D. Notice how God responds to their prayer – not by fire, but with an earthquake!
- E. What does God want to teach us about His presence in the earthquake?

Conclusion.