

Friday Men in Christ – with – Gary Allen Henecke DD

Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you executed by nailing him to a cross at the hands of those outside the Law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken';³⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'
(Act 2:22-28 NRS) – Psalm 16:8-11 – Hebrews 5:7

Hebrews 5:7 **In the days of his flesh**, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death **ἐκ θανάτου**, and he was heard because of his (piety) reverence. **τῆς εὐλαβείας**, (Heb 5:7 ESV)

- Acts 2:22 "Israelite men," The Greek term here is ἀνήρ (*anēr*), which only exceptionally is used in a generic sense of both males and females. Peter's remarks were addressed primarily to the men present.

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⁴⁶ *Grk* "Whom God raised up." - "having freed."

⁴⁸ The term translated *pains* is frequently used to describe birth pains as

⁴⁹ Or "for him to be held by it" (in either case, "it" refers to death's reality of no experience of decay!)

1. The centrality of the crucifixion to the Mission of the Hebrew Messiah.
2. The pre-ordained will of God – God's mission is God's will.
3. Paul will stress this same truth: *He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who God that has made to be our wisdom, and righteousness and holiness and redemption, in order that what is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." When I came to you, brothers, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. I resolved to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ – Christ crucified.* (1Co 1:30-2:2)
4. "All of this – is out of God – centered in the great creative act of God – the mystery of God – revealed in the faith/faithfulness of Jesus of Nazareth. The mystery is that all true holiness is in the life of Christ – given to and for us.