

# The Dead Being Raised



**Acts 9:36-41**

- The early church believed in the power of God to heal the sick and to raise the dead.
- We have been called as Christian believers to live a life of faith and a life in the supernatural.
- Purpose: for all believers to participate with the Holy Spirit and live with the expectancy for miracles to happen.
- Goal: for us to live this life in the supernatural.

1. The place: a city where disciples and believers lived (v. 36).

A. Joppa was a seaport town, bringing commercial goods from all over the ancient world.

B. The city had disciples or saints living within its borders (v. 32).

(1) There is initial or positional sanctification.

(2) There is progressive sanctification.

(3) There is eternal sanctification.

2. The need: a believer had tragically died (v. 36-39).

A. The believer was a faithful believer, a lady named Dorcas.

- She was deeply committed to Christ, a very faithful and devoted disciple, full of good works.

B. Dorcas tragically died.

C. A great hope and desperate appeal was stirred.

(1) Great hope swelled up in their hearts.

(2) They sent two men to ask Peter to come and seek the Lord in behalf of Dorcas.

(3) They demonstrated great faith in the possibility that the Lord could raise the dead and meet the cry of their hearts.

D. A sensitive, pastoral response was the result.

E. A deep sorrow as expressed for Dorcas, the dedicated believer.

3. The source of power to raise the dead: Christ Jesus.

A. The disciple got alone with the Lord.

B. Peter prayed to the living Lord.

**(1) He asked for the Lord's will.**

**(2) Once Peter knew that the Lord wanted Dorcas raised, he prayed both for the power to raise her and for God to use the miracle to make men believe.**

**C. Peter did exactly what Jesus instructed.**

**(1) Note the faith of Peter.**

**(2) It was the Lord's will for Dorcas to be raised from the dead.**

**4. The results (v. 41-43).**

**A. Many believed!**

**B. A tremendous door was opened for Peter to freely evangelize the area.**