

## **Peter... In Conclusion!**

*Acts 4:12-14*

In the first two sermons that we have considered in the history of the early church, Peter clearly identifies that the Cross is the meeting place of divine sovereignty and human responsibility [*Acts 2:23; Acts 3:17, 18*]. While we, as human beings, cannot fully understand this mystery, we must accept it by faith and respond to it. God had a plan for the salvation of mankind from eternity and yet He never forces us to respond to it. Man, in his free will may embrace it fully or he may act in opposition to it. We find both of these positions in our recent texts. Regardless of the response of Man, God will always accomplish His divine will and purpose for His creation. As we review these two sermons we discover some practical truth that will encourage us all in our personal lives and add great impact to our witness for the Lord Jesus Christ.

### *Encouraging conclusions from Peter's sermons...*

**(1) God is patient with the lost!**

**(2) True witness involves balance!**

**(3) Reaching "one" reaches "many"!**

**(4) The best defense . . . A changed life!**

**(5) Expect opposition**

**(6) There is power in His Word!**

**(7) There is power in His Name!**