

Acts of the Apostles

Reinstatement of Peter: John 21:15-22

- “Do you love Me...” X3 = death to self with no regard for whether anyone else does the same
- Matt. 16:13-20, 24, 25 “You are the Son of the Living God...If anyone come after Me, let him deny himself, pick up the cross, and follow Me.”

The acts of the Apostles were enabled and empowered solely by the Holy Spirit.

Read Acts 1 and 2

The Holy Spirit Promised – 1:4-8

- 1:5 Baptism is identification; whatever we immerse ourselves in is what defines us. Jesus Christ desires to immerse us into His Spirit to identify us as His witnesses, His Body, His Bride, and His brothers, the children of God.
- 1:8 The Promise of Power is the Holy Spirit and He is the One we need in order to be witnesses to the ends of the earth.

Jesus ascends to heaven – 1:9-11

- Stop standing and gazing into heaven. They were stuck in neutral. The Holy Spirit would come and put them in gear.
- Just as the angels told them to stop gazing, we too should encourage our brothers to not gaze but rather go.

The Upper Room Prayer Meeting

- 2:14 The disciples continued in one accord in prayer and supplications with those who had witnessed the resurrection and had perhaps initially rejected His messiahship.

Matthias chosen

- Was Matthias or Paul the fulfillment of Psalm 69?

The Coming of the Holy Spirit – ch.2

- Pentecost – “Feast of Weeks / Feast of Firstfruits”
 - The coming of the Holy Spirit upon the first disciples was the appearing of the first fruits of the new kingdom of God. The tongues of flame were a physical miracle / manifestation to authenticate God’s message through these messengers.
 - What does “filled with the Holy Spirit” mean?
 - ✎ Romans 5:1-21 – “...the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us...”

✎ Romans 8:5-17 – the new mind, heart, and identity of the Spirit led / filled person.

✎ Peter's sermon on the resurrection

- proclamation of the resurrection is the direct result of the filling of the Holy Spirit

✎ Vs.36, 37 "...know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

- "Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart.
- "What shall we do?"
- "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- "...the promise is for you and to your children, and to all who are afar, as many as the Lord our God will call." Let's ask the Lord to save our families down to the nth generation!
- "Be saved from this perverse generation."
- About 3000 souls added.
- **DISCUSSION:** How does the Lord add to His church? Why do churches get stagnant? Are we living lives that get people to be curious about what we are doing and what they should be doing? **Pray...**
- They continued steadfastly in the Apostle's doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers.
- They had all things in common...glad and sincere hearts
- **THEY CONTINUALLY...what is the lifestyle of those filled with the Holy Spirit?**

The Church is born and growing

2:41 "3000 added to their number"

6:7 "the Word of God spread"

9:31 "the church...grew in number"

12:24 "the Word of God...spread"

16:5 "the churches grew...in number"

19:20 "the Word of the Lord spread"

Evangelistic Sermons

- 2:14-39 Peter's Sermon to the crowd on the first Pentecost
- 7:2-53 Stephen's address to the Sanhedrin
- 13:16-41 Paul's sermon to the synagogue in Pisidian Antioch

I. Birth of the Church

- A. _____ instructions, commission, and ascension (1)
- B. Pentacost - _____ comes (2:1-13)
- C. _____ address to the crowd in Jerusalem (2:14-41)
- D. Beginnings of fellowship (2:42-47)
- E. _____ heals the crippled _____ (3:1-10)
- F. _____ preaches to the crowd (3:11-26)
- G. Peter and John before the _____ (4:1-22)
- H. Affirming the believers (4:23-31)
- I. fellowship (4:32-37)
- J. _____ and Sapphira (5:1-11)
- K. Apostles heal (5:12-16)
- L. Apostles persecuted (5:17-42)
- M. Choosing of the 7 (6:1-7)
- N. _____ (6:8-8:1)

II. Growth of the Church (ch.8-28)

- A. Around Jerusalem
 - 1. _____ in Samaria (8:4-25)
 - 2. _____ and the Ethiopian (8:26-40)
 - 3. _____ conversion (9:1-19)
 - 4. _____ in Damascus and Jerusalem (9:20-31)
 - 5. _____ heals Aeneas and raises Dorcas (9:32-43)
 - 6. Cornelius and _____ (10:1-11:18)
 - 7. Church in Antioch (11:19-30)
 - 8. _____ delivered from prison (12:1-19)
 - 9. _____ death (12:20-25)
- B. Around the Mediterranean (Paul's first missionary journey)
 - 1. Cyprus 13:4-12
 - a. Bar-Jesus and Sergius Paulus
 - 2. Pisidian Antioch 13:13-52
 - a. preaching in the synagogue
 - 3. Iconium 14:1-7
 - 4. Lystra and Derbe 14:8-20
 - 5. return back to Antioch 14:21-28
- C. Council at Jerusalem
 - 1. debate about circumcision 15:1-21
 - 2. letter of resolve 15:22-29
- D. Into Macedonia and Greece (Paul's second missionary journey)
 - 1. disagreement about John Mark 15:36-40
 - 2. Syria and Cilicia 15:41
 - 3. Derbe and Lystra 16:1-4
 - a. Timothy joins Paul and Silas
 - 4. Phrygia, Galatia, and Troas 16:6-10
 - a. vision of the man of Macedonia
 - 5. Macedonia 16:11-40
 - a. Lydia's conversion
 - b. in prison and delivered
 - 6. Thessalonica 17:1-9
 - a. trouble
 - 7. Berea 17:10-15
 - a. noble character
 - 8. Athens 17:16-34

- a. preaching in the synagogue and marketplace
- 9. Corinth
 - a. Paul meets Aquila and Priscilla
 - b. Paul stays and teaches for a year and a half
 - c. Priscilla and Aquila share with Apollos
- 10. Ephesus
 - a. Paul teaches about Holy Spirit baptism
 - b. 7 sons of Sceva
 - c. riot in Ephesus
- 11. Macedonia and Greece
- 12. Troas
 - a. Eutychus raised from the dead
- E. Onto Rome (Paul's Testimony to the Jewish leaders, Gentile governors, and the Emperor)
 - 1. Jerusalem
 - a. arrested
 - b. before the Sanhedrin
 - c. plot to kill Paul
 - 2. transferred to Caesarea
 - a. trial before Felix
 - b. trial before Festus
 - c. before Agrippa
 - 3. Paul sails for Rome
 - a. storm and shipwreck
 - b. on Malta
 - c. arrival at Rome
 - i. Paul preaches at Rome while under guard
 - ii. **“Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.” (modus operandi of the Church)**

To God be the glory, praise, and thanksgiving! Amen!! Hallelujah!!!

Acts 1-7	Church born in Jerusalem Word spread Persecution	Death
Acts 8-14	Word spreads to Samaria Philip and the Ethiopian Saul becomes Paul <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saul (Great one) converted to Paul (little one) - 4 major journeys around the Mediterranean - started at age 50 - wrote 13/27 books of NT - conversion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - stopped and confronted by Light - blinded to this world - Voice speaks “I am Jesus” - sent to a true disciple, Ananias (God's servant) - receives sight - becomes suffering servant (becoming one with the Suffering Servant of God in knowledge and experience) 	Resurrection
	Peter and Cornelius Church includes Gentiles Church grows around the Mediterranean (Paul's 1st MJ)	

Acts 15-18:22 Jerusalem Council
Church grows into Macedonia and Greece (Paul's 2nd MJ)

Acts 18:23-21:14 Paul goes back into Galatia, Phrygia, Macedonia, and Greece (Paul's 3rd MJ)
Acts 21:15-28:31 Paul is arrested in Jerusalem and sent to Rome (4th MJ?)