

ACTS

"..you will receive power and ability when the Holy Spirit comes upon you..." Jesus Christ, Acts 1:8

Outline

- A. Preparation for the Coming of the Spirit (1:1-26)
 - B. " _____ " for " _____ " (DUNAMIS) what the Father has promised." Acts 1:4-5 & 8
 - 1. Commission of Witnesses & Jesus' Farewell (1:1-14)
 - 2. Reconstitution of the Twelve (1:15-26)
[120] Acts 1:15
 - B. Pentecost and the Coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2)
" _____ " & tongues " _____ " Acts 2:2-3
[+ 3,000] Acts 2:41
 - C. 1st Miracle of the Church (Acts 3)
Power is _____ 3:16; 4:7&10; 9:34; 10:43; 16:18; 19:5
 - D. 1st Persecution of the Church; Power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 4)
[+ 5,000] Acts 4:4
 - E. Death of Ananias and Sapphira; 2nd Persecution (Acts 5)
 - F. Appointment of Deacons; Witness of Stephen (Acts 6)
 - G. Stephen's Address and Martyrdom (Acts 7)
 - H. Conversion of Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8)
 - I. Conversion of Saul (Acts 9)
 - J. Conversion of Cornelius, Roman Centurion (Acts 10)
 - K. Peter Defends His Ministry; Gospel Goes to Antioch (Acts 11)
 - L. Death of James; Arrest of Peter (Acts 12)
 - M. 1st Missionary Journey of Paul (Acts 13 & 14)
 - N. Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15)
 - O. 2nd Missionary Journey of Paul (Acts 15:36—16:40)
 - 1. Paul in Thessalonica, Athens (Acts 17)
 - 2. Paul in Corinth, Apollos in Ephesus (Acts 18)
 - P. 3rd Missionary Journey of Paul (Acts 20)
 - Q. Paul Goes to Jerusalem and is Arrested (Acts 21)
 - R. Paul's Defense Before the Mob at Jerusalem (Acts 22)
 - S. Paul's Defense Before the Sanhedrin (Acts 23)
 - T. Paul Before Felix (Acts 24)
 - U. Paul Before Festus (Acts 25)
 - V. Paul Before Agrippa (Acts 26)
 - W. Paul Goes to Rome Via Storm and Shipwreck (Acts 27)
 - X. Paul Arrives in Rome (Acts 28)
- "Teaching about " _____ " 28:31

Discussion

1. What thoughts do you have on the name of Jesus and why His name calls for such a reaction from most everyone, one way or another? Do you have a story of when His name has been used and brought power?
2. Do you have an experience you can share where you have experienced the power of the Holy Spirit?
3. We see the transformation of Peter who, as we read in the Gospels, had run away and denied Christ three times before Jesus' death and resurrection, to, after the Holy Spirit rests upon Him, raising his voice, addressing thousands, and boldly declaring in a very detailed sermon (Acts 2:14-36) that Jesus is Lord, Christ and the Son of God, Whom they all crucified. And when they heard Peter's words, "they were cut to the heart," causing them to repent and 3,000 souls were then added to the body of believers. We also see Saul, the greatest persecutor of believers, completely be transformed to become the greatest proclaimer of the good news of Jesus. Saul becomes Paul. Have you personally witnessed the transformation of someone as the Holy Spirit rests upon them?
4. Read Acts 4:31 & 28:31. One of the distinctions of the Holy Spirit's presence is speaking His word with boldness and courage. Can you share a time you had that boldness or when possibly you may have felt a lack in that courage or boldness? What are those circumstances?
5. What traits have you noticed in yourself when you have felt the fullness of His Spirit?