The Acts of the Holy Ghost in the Lives of the Apostles

The Book of Acts is documentation on the work of the Holy Ghost to gather together the Holy Ghost filled Christian church to spread the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. All of Acts is devoted to the Word and work of the Holy Ghost in the Apostles Life.
2. The **Word** in Acts

2:41;4:4,29,31;6:2,4,7;8:4,14,25;10:36,37,44;11:1,16;19;12:24;13:5,7,15,26,34,44,46,48,49; 14:3,25; 15:7,27,35,36; 16:6,32; 17:11,13; 18:11; 19:10,20; 20:32; 22:22; 28:25

* 1. The Book of Acts begins with Jesus enjoining charges through The Holy Ghost Holy Ghost H to the apostles (1:2)
     1. Jesus is The Word made flesh and spoke through the Holy Ghost
     2. The words that Jesus spoke have been documented by His witnesses
  2. The book of Acts ends with Paul speaking one word using what the Holy Ghost told the fathers by the Prophets.(28:25)
     1. Paul was called by the Word of His grace and spoke the written word.
     2. Paul spoke revelation that was recorded and documented.

Acts 1:2—*Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:* 5—*For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.* 8*—But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.* 16*—Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.* 2:4*—And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.* 17*—And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:* 18*—And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:* 33*—Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.* 38*—Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.* 4:8*—Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,* 25*—Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?* 31*—And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.*  5:3*—But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?* 9*—Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.* 5:32*—And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.* 6:3—*Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.* 5*—And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: 10—And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.*  
7:51—*Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.* 55— *But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,* 8:15*—Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:* 17*—Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.*  18*—And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,* 19*—Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.* 29*—Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.* 39*—And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.* 9:17*—And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.* 31*—Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.* 10:19*—While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.*  38*— How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.* 10:44*—While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.* 45*—And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.* 47*—Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?*

11:12*—And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:* 15*—And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.* 16*—Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.*  *24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. 28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.*

13:2*—As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.* 4*—So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.* 9*—Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,* 52—And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

15:8—*And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;* 28*—For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;*

16:6*—Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, 7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.* 19:2*—He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.* 6*—And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.*

20:22*—And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:* 23*—Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.* 28*—Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.* 21:4*—And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.* 11*—And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.*

28:25*—And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers,*

1. **Structure:**
   1. The book is structured around 2 Key Apostles leading men with the Word of God into prayer for great outpourings of the Holy Ghost.
      1. The ministry of the apostle Peter. Acts 1 to Acts 12:24
      2. The ministry of the apostle Paul. Acts 12:25 to Acts 28:31

Many verses are given in the Book of Acts to proclaim the Word increased and the church grew. Acts 2:41,47; 4:4; 5:14; 6:7; 8:6,8,14,17; 9:31,35; 11:21,24; 12:24; 16:5; 19:20; The Word was preached even as prisoner Acts 28:31; (2Tim. 2:9) Word not bound.

The structure of the Book of Acts is ordered from the commission in Acts 1:8 and Mat.16:16-19; 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; Luke 24:45-49; John 20:21

Witnesses spread the gospel in Jerusalem, once the capital of the Southern kingdom, Acts 1:1-6:7  
Witnesses spread the gospel in all Judea and Samaria, ex-capital of Northern kingdom, 6:8-12:24  
Witnesses spread the gospel in all places, to Rome, the capital of the Gentiles, Acts 12:25-28-31

* 1. The book is structured around six points of growth. Acts 1:1-6:7

1. **The Gospel is spread throughout Jerusalem and all Judea.** Acts 1:1-6:7

Acts 1:1-11

Jesus commissions his apostles to be his witnesses. Jesus ascends into heaven.

Acts 1:12-26

The disciples gather in Jerusalem to pray and Peter the leading spokesman of 120 disciples urges them to elect an apostle to succeed Judas.

Acts 2:1-42:

On Pentecost, in fulfillment of God’s promise his disciples received the power of the Holy Ghost poured out on them. They spoke of the wonderful works of God in other tongues.

Peter preaches powerfully to the multitude to repent and to be baptized in the name of Jesus.

What the Holy Ghost did on Pentecost is the opposite of what the Lord did at Babel (Genesis 11)

At Babel the Lord confused the language of the people who were set on glorifying themselves, not God. On Pentecost the disciples spoke in unknown tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance and many heard them in their own language proclaiming the wonderful works of God. As a result the church grows with 3.000 souls added to the Church. Pentecost marks the birth of the New Testament Church. (Acts 2:41)

Acts 2:43-4:4:

Peter and John preach the Word of the Lord in Jerusalem and are opposed by the ruling council of the Jews. But many more Jews who hear Peter’s preaching are added to the church and the church grows with 5,000 souls. (Acts 4:4)

Acts 4:5-5:16:

Peter and John are tried by the ruling council of the Jews and afterwards the apostles pray for power to preach the Word boldly. In answer to their prayer the Holy Ghost fills them and they speak the Word boldly. After the incident involving Ananias and his wife, the apostles perform miracles and teach in the temple. Multitudes of men and women are added to the church. (5:14)

Acts 5:17-6:7:

The apostles are arrested by the ruling council of the Jews but are released by an angel to speak in the temple.

They are again taken into custody for trial and are released after being flogged.

Each day afterwards they continue teaching in the temple and from house to house.

To assist the apostles in their ministry the church elects its first deacons to wait on tables.

Acts 6:7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

1. **The gospel is spread throughout Judea and Samaria, Acts 6:8-12:24.**
2. This first part of this mission was worked by the deacons 6:8-9:31

Acts 6:8-7:60:

1. The persecution, trial, and murder of Stephen set the stage for an all out persecution of the church in Jerusalem by the ruling council of the Jews.

Acts 8:1-4:

1. The persecution scatters Jesus’ disciples and spreads the church into Judea and Samaria, where they preach the Word. The Lord uses the persecution for the good purpose of spreading his church and the preaching of his Word. The fact that the Jewish disciples go into Samaria and preach the Word to the Samaritans is a significant act. It shows the Jewish disciples have overcome their hatred of the Samaritans and that the Word will not be bound by such hatred and prejudice.

Acts 8:5-40:

1. The ministry of Philip in Samaria, where the Samaritans rejoice in the gospel in their city (8:8). They believe and are baptized (8:12). The gospel is preached to many Samaritan villages.
2. Philip shares the gospel with the Ethiopian eunuch, a Gentile proselyte to the Jewish faith, who is baptized.
3. Philip takes the gospel as far as Caesarea in northern Samaria. Acts 9:1-31:
4. The conversion of Saul (Paul) who preaches the word of Jesus to the Jews in Damascus, Syria.

Acts 9:31—*Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.*

1. **Peter spreads his gospel in Judea and Samaria, Acts 9:32-12:24**
   1. Peter preached in Lydda , Sharon of Judea, Samaria and they believed and turned to the Lord. (Acts 9:32-35)
   2. Peter preached in Joppa of Judea/Samaria where many believe in the Lord. Acts 10:1-48
   3. Peter preached to the Gentiles of Cornelius’ household in Caesarea of Samaria, who receive the baptism of the Spirit like the disciples did on Pentecost. The Spirit plainly shows that in the church of Jesus there is no difference between Jew and Gentile.
   4. Peter defends his ministering to the Gentiles, which he did by the Spirit’s direction. Acts 11:1-18
   5. The disciples who were persecuted in Jerusalem at the time Stephen was killed also scattered to Phoenicia, the island of Cyprus, and to Antioch in Syria. They bring the Word to the Jews in those places. Acts 11:19
   6. Some disciples from Cyprus and Cyrene preach the gospel of Jesus to the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria. A large number there believe in Jesus. The church of Antioch is established of both Jews and Gentiles. Acts 11:20-30
   7. Herod kills John’s brother James and persecutes Peter. Acts 12:1-24

**Acts 12:24*—But the word of God grew and multiplied.***

1. **The gospel is preached to the ends of the earth, to Rome, the capital of the Gentiles, Acts 12:25-28-31.**
   1. Paul makes his first missionary journey to Cyprus, Pamphylia, and Galatia, Acts 12:25-16:5
   2. Paul and Barnabas preach at Antioch, Syria, by the Spirit to be missionaries to the Gentiles. Acts 12:25-13:3
   3. The church at Antioch, headquarters for foreign missions was not a huge congregation with unlimited resources, but was motivated by conviction and commitment to be missionary minded.
   4. Paul’s ministry on Cyprus starts at Salamis, where he brings the Word to the Jews, and ends in Paphos, where the Gentile proconsul Sergius Paulus hears the Word and believes. Acts 13:4-12
   5. Paul’s ministry in Pamphylia Acts 13:13
   6. Paul’s ministry at Pisidian Antioch in Galatia, where he brings the Word of the Lord to the Jews and then to the Gentiles. 13:48,49 Many Gentiles believe and the Word is spread throughout the whole region. Unbelieving Jews instigate persecution and drive out Paul and Barnabas. Acts 13:14-50
   7. Paul preaches to Jews and Gentiles in Iconium, Galatia, where a great multitude of Jews and Gentiles believe. But again unbelieving Jews arouse the Gentiles, inflame persecution, and drive out Paul and Barnabas. Acts 13:51-14:6
   8. Paul preaches in Lystra and Derbe of Lycaonia and Galatia. Jews from Pisidian Antioch and Iconium track Paul down in Lystra, stirred the crowds of Lystra, stoned him and left him for dead. Acts 14:6-19
   9. Paul goes back to Derbe, Lystra, Iconium, Pisidian Antioch, strengthening the converts and having elders and pastors elected in the local churches. Then through Pamphylia and returns to Antioch, Syria, where he begun his first missionary journey. Acts 14:20-28
   10. The First Council of the Church is held at Jerusalem
       1. to settle the Judaistic Controversy.
       2. Jewish converts called Judaizers contend that the Law of Moses, especially circumcision, must be followed by Gentile believers for them to be saved.
       3. The council agrees that all are saved by the grace of Jesus alone without observing the law of Moses.
       4. Jewish disciples extend a greeting and welcome to the Gentile disciples by means of a letter, which brings joy and unity in the gospel to the church.
       5. The freedom of the gospel that we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ as Lord is proclaimed.

Acts 16:5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

1. Paul makes his second missionary journey to Macedonia and Achaia in Greece, Acts 15:35-18:22

Paul and Barnabas preach and teach in Antioch, Syria, the mother church, until they part company to strengthen the churches. Barnabas takes John Mark with him to Cyprus.

Paul takes Silas to the churches in Syria, Cilicia, and then to Derbe and Lystra in Galatia.

Acts 15:35-16:5

The Spirit prevents Paul preaching in Asia and Bithynia, but leads him to Troas where the Spirit directs Paul by a vision of a man in Macedonia, the northern province of Greece. Acts 16:6-10

* 1. Paul’s ministry in Philippi of Macedonia in northern Greece, where he with Silas brought the Word to the Jewish women, including Lydia’s household, and to the Gentile jailer’s household. There the church of Philippi is established and the Word of the Lord takes a foothold on the continent of Europe. Acts 16:11-40
  2. Paul’s ministry in Thessalonica of Macedonia, where he first brings the Word to the Jews. Some Jews believe and Greeks convert to the Jewish faith. The unbelieving Jews form a mob and persecute the newly formed congregation of disciples who met at Jason’s house. Acts 17:1-9
  3. Paul’s ministry in Berea of Macedonia, where the Jews believe the Word as well as a number of leading Greek citizens, both men and women. The unbelieving Jews from Thessalonica come to Berea and stir up a persecution of Paul and the church in Berea. Acts 17:10-13
  4. Paul’s ministry in Athens of Achaia, the southern province of Greece, where he preaches to the leading citizens and philosophers of the Areopagus, among whom some believe. Acts 17:14-34
  5. Paul’s ministry in Corinth of Achaia, where he works with Aquila and Priscilla, a husband and wife, as a tentmaker and teaches the Word on the Sabbath to the Jews and Greek proselytes. Then he begins a full time ministry of preaching to the Jews. When the unbelieving Jews resist the Word, Paul starts a church in the house of Titius Justus, which is next door to the Jewish synagogue. Many Jews and Gentile Corinthians believe. Paul teaches there for more than 1 and 1/2 years.

Acts 18:1-17

* 1. Paul leaves Corinth, travels by sea to Ephesus in Asia where he makes a brief visit and speaks the Word to the Jews. He promises to return, the Lord willing. He then returns to Antioch, Syria, which completes his second missionary journey. Acts 18:18-22

1. **Paul makes his third missionary journey, Acts 18:23-21:14**
   1. Paul revisits the churches in Galatia while Apollos is preaching in Ephesus. Acts 18:23-28
   2. Paul’s ministry in Ephesus. He instructs about 12 disciples of John the Baptist, whom he baptizes and on whom the Holy Spirit comes mightily. Paul stays in Ephesus teaching the Word, first to the Jews until some harden their hearts, and then to the Gentiles. Many believe. Acts 19:1-19

Acts 19:20—*So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.*

* 1. Paul is intent on returning to Jerusalem. Paul and the disciples in Ephesus have their lives threatened when the silversmiths there riot because of the success of Paul’s preaching in Ephesus. Acts 19:21-41
  2. Paul spends 3 months revisiting the churches in Macedonia, Greece, and then sails to Troas in Asia, where he spends the day teaching the Word. Acts 20:1-6
  3. Paul traveled from Jerusalem to Miletus in Asia, where he speaks to the elders and pastors from Ephesus and bids them farewell.

Acts 20:7-38

* 1. Paul sails from Miletus, past Cyprus, to Tyre in Syria, and arrives in Caesarea of Samaria. Paul is warned not to set foot in Jerusalem.

Acts 21:1-14

1. Paul takes the gospel to Rome, the Gentile capital of the world.

Acts 21:15-28:31

* 1. Paul reports to James the Pastor of the church in Jerusalem, and to the leaders about his missionary journeys. Paul is advised to follow the Jewish custom of purifying himself before going to the temple, lest he antagonize the Jews who had heard Paul was teaching that the law of Moses and circumcision did not have to be followed. Acts 21:15-26
  2. Paul is seized in the temple by the Jews, but rescued by Roman soldiers. Paul defends his ministry by speaking to the Jews, but they react violently and Paul is taken into Roman custody.

Acts 21:27-23:10

* 1. The Lord stands beside Paul to encourage him and to tell him that he must witness the Word in Rome. To stop the Jew’s plot to murder Paul, the Roman commander transfers Paul to governor Felix in Caesarea, Samaria. Acts 23:11-33
  2. Felix gives Paul a hearing before the Jewish religious leaders, who bring charges against Paul. Felix holds Paul in custody as a prisoner for 2 years. Felix is succeeded as governor by Porcius Festus. Acts 23:34-24:27
  3. Festus hears Paul’s case and favors the Jews’ trying Paul in Jerusalem on the charges they bring against him. The Jews are planning to ambush Paul on the way to Jerusalem and to kill him. Paul appeals to have his case tried by Caesar’s tribunal in Rome. Festus agrees to send Paul to Caesar. Later Paul defends himself before Festus and King Herod Agrippa. Acts 25:1-26:32
  4. Paul is sent under guard with other prisoners to Rome, the ship sails into a vicious storm and is wrecked off the island of Malta. Acts 27:1-28:15
  5. Paul arrives in Rome and is held under house arrest. He has the freedom to have the Jewish leaders in Rome brought to him. Paul speaks the Word to them. Some are persuaded by Paul’s teaching, but others refuse to believe. Paul tells those unbelieving Jewish leaders that they were fulfilling the words of Isaiah with their hardened hearts and dull ears, for which reason salvation is being sent to the Gentiles. Acts 28:16-29
  6. Taking the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Acts 28:30—*And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,*  31—*Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.*

1. **The basics of the book of Acts:**
   1. The persons and ministries of Peter and Paul.
   2. The Holy Ghost urges Christians in winning souls to Jesus. This certainly indicates to us that Personal Soul-winning must be apriority in every church
   3. The Great Commission is a command with the perfect revelation of God’s love.

A Ready Witness

Acts 1:1-11 The Great Commission is for us today and to show the spiritual ingredients and encouragement necessary to carry it out.

I. Proofs of the Resurrection 1:1-3

II. Presence of the Holy Ghost 1: 4-5

III Power for Witness 1:6-8

IV. Promise of His Second Coming 1:9-11

Obeying the Great Commission is not an option. It is to be carried out by the love of Christians until Christ returns. It is for every person who knows Jesus as his personal Lord and Savior. Be a witness for Jesus as the Way the Truth and the life.

The word “sins” (hamartia) is mentioned 8 times in the book of Acts 2:38; 3:19; 5:31; **7:60**; 10:43; 13:38; 22:16; 26:18 The word love is not once found in the book of Acts but love sure keeps showing up in the heart of His servants demonstrated in their actions and their prayers. The word sin (hamartia)  is mentioned one time in the book of Acts  (Acts 7:60); evil (poneros) 12 times, lewd (poneros) same word used once-(17:5); wicked (poneros) once - (Acts 18:14) 22 x’s

Witnessing on the Way to Prayer

Acts 3:1-16

To prepare every church for the unexpected witness and to lead them to develop a personalized witness which can prayerfully be used in faith with power.

I. The begging Cripple 3:1-3

II. The praying Christians 3:4- 11

III. The healing Christ 3:12-16

Scattering Seed

Acts 8:1-4

* + - * 1. The Church was dispersed “there was a great persecution against the church”

They were scattered like seed planted in a field.

Though scattered not stopped

* + - * 1. They “went everywhere preaching the word”

Everywhere they went they were scattering the seed of the gospel.

The flame of Pentecost was burning brighter and brighter under persecution.

Total evangelism is not complete until the new convert is baptized in the Holy Ghost and actively serving Christ in the fellowship of the local church.

* + - * 1. Philip the servant preaching 8:5-13; 26-40

And there was great joy in that city. Acts 8:8

The Ethiopian saved and rejoicing

Philip catching chariots Acts 8:26-40

The church must understand the need for sensitivity to the promptings of the Holy Ghost when sharing the gospel.

A Prepared Sinner 8:26-31

A Prompt Soul-winner 8:26-31

A Powerful Scripture 8:32-35

A Personal Salvation 8:36-40

A Perfect Saviour 8:37

A preferred ride 8:39-40

* + - * 1. Peter and John preaching 8:14-25

The Samaritans were saved and they received the Holy Ghost.

Acts 8:17—*Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.*

*All Things To All People*

Acts 16:9-40

To help people understand the variety of witnessing opportunities and how to approach people.

1. A vision of a man asking for help 16:9-12
2. A prayer time with women 16:13
3. A civilized, disciplined Sinner 16:14-15,40
   1. A certain woman named Lydia
      1. A quiet conversion of a career woman
         1. she was “a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira”
         2. she “worshipped God”
         3. she “heard us: whose heart the Lord opened”
         4. she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.
         5. she was baptized
         6. she constrained us

Acts 16:40 And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

1. A Captured, dominated Sinner 16:16-18
   1. a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination
      1. A final decision on a demon spirit and a driven soul
         1. cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.
         2. And this did she many days.
         3. Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.
         4. the hope of their gains was gone
2. A Calloused dying Sinner 16:19-40
   1. The Hardened Philippians Jailor becoming saved
      1. Saved by a vision, preaching, praying, singing, earthquake, light, the Word of the Lord.
      2. Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
      3. was baptized, he and all his, straightway

Acts 16:34—*And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.*

The Book of Acts shows A Bold Witness with a Visible Love to the uttermost.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

4:33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

1. The whole value of your witness depends upon your ability to prove the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and His ascension.
   1. Boldness to declare the Word of God
   2. Love is in the heart to devote our self to God

IT IS INTERESTING TO FIND THE WORD LOVE OR CHARITY IS NOT IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

Our love must not be spoken as a word but lived as life.

LOVE IS LIFE IN CHRIST WITH A DEDICATED-DEVOTED HEART

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Acts 21:13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 2:37—*Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?*

Acts 9:6*—And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.*

Acts 16:30*—And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?*

4:13*—Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.*

29*—And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,*

31*—And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.*

32*—And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.*

8:37*—And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.*

11:23*—Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.*

13:43*—Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.*

*16:14—And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.*