

Book of Acts 1-2

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I. Introduction.

- A. Jesus Christ was a doer, not just a talker.
- B. Jesus Christ was a man whose life could be followed.
- C. Luke was a careful historian writing to an individual - Theophilus - with the strongest proofs possible.
- D. The promise of the Father was free without solicitation that would be fulfilled in Acts 2:4.

II. The church needs people consumed with and involved with being witnesses unto Jesus.

A. A witness must...

1. Know something about the subject.
2. Be willing to talk about it.
3. Have a life that backs it up.

B. We witness to Jesus not our own hobbies or our point of views. (1 Corinthians 1:21-24, Acts 8:35, 1 Corinthians 2:2, Acts 5:42)

C. The disciples were intimate with Jesus - Christ was very careful to give them the evidence they needed to sacrifice for their faith. (1 John 1:1-2, Matthew 17:1-3, Revelation 11:3-6, 2 Kings 2:11, Deuteronomy 34:5-6)

III. The disciples were in one accord and willing to sacrifice.

- A. God wants to see a oneness in our churches.
- B. Being one accord in Acts is the outworking of love.
- C. There is a perverse disinclination among us not to work together for Christ.
- D. To be of one accord means to be of one spirit, not of one opinion. (Acts 2:1, 4:24, 4:32, 5:12)

IV. The Apostles forever quoted Scripture to each other and others. (Psalm 49, 69:25, Joel 2:28-32, Psalm 16:8-11, Deuteronomy 18:15-19, Genesis 22:18, Psalm 2:1-2)

- A. This practice was modeled by Christ.
- B. The early disciples knew the Scriptures well.

V. On Pentecost - the feast of the harvest - three thousand souls were swept up into the kingdom of God.

A. The disciples were expected to fulfill the Great Commission gathering disciples from all around the known world.

B. Jesus Christ gave them their first big boost by giving the disciples an ability to speak in the foreign visitors' languages to fulfill the mission of Christ by spreading the message of Christ. (Acts 3:15, 4:10, 5:30, 3:28-30, 15:3-5)

C. The disciples preached the power of God. (Romans 1:16)

VI. Invite Jesus Christ to your life.

Application questions

1. What is required of a witness, and what element of that do you find most difficult?

2. What does it mean to be of one accord? Explain.

3. Scripture memory was crucial to ministry in the early church - what is your method of memorizing Scripture and what are you doing to stay accountable and keep others accountable? What can you do?
