

2 Key Figures in the Gospel Mission

Acts 1:8 (part 2)

Sunday, November 20, 2011

INTRODUCTION:

I. The Holy Spirit in Acts (from 11/13/11).

1. *The Holy Spirit baptized believers in Messiah, 1:4-5; 2:1-4, 17-18, 33; 8:14-17; 10:44-48; 19:1-6; 18:1-11 (1 Cor 12:13).*
2. *The Holy Spirit filled witnesses on the mission, 2:4; 4:8, 31; 7:55; 13:9, 52.*
3. *The Holy Spirit empowered witnesses for bold, God-exalting proclamation, 2:4, 6, 8, 11; 7:55-56; 10:46; 19:6; 4:7-13, 29-31; 6:9-10 (9:27-28; 13:46; 14:3; 18:24-28; 19:8).*
4. *The Holy Spirit oversaw the boundaries of the mission, 2:1-11; 8:29, 39; 10:19 (11:12); 10:44-45; 13:2-4; 16:6-7; 19:21; 20:22-23.*

II. The Witnesses in Acts.

1. *The greater Witnesses in Acts.*

- The Father has testified concerning His goodness to the nations, 14:16-17.
- OT Scripture has testified concerning the gospel of Messiah, 10:42-43.
- The Holy Spirit testified concerning Messiah, 5:30-32.
- Jesus testified concerning His word of grace, 14:1-3.

2. *The lesser witnesses in Acts. The apostles testified to:*

- The judgment Messiah will carry out, 10:42.
- The coming kingdom of God, 28:23.
- The need for salvation from a perverse generation, 2:40.
- The overall Person, life and ministry of Messiah, 10:38-39; 18:5; 22:14-15 (26:16); 23:11.
- The gospel of the grace of God, 5:30-32; 20:24; 26:22-23.
- The resurrection of Messiah, 1:22; 2:32; 3:14-15; 4:33; 5:30-32; 10:40-41; 13:30-31; 26:22-23.