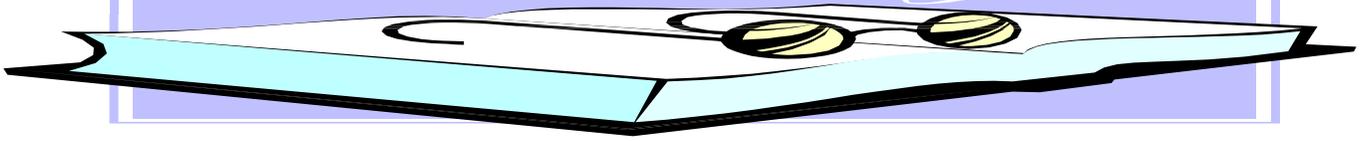


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Scripture Lesson: Acts 1:1-8

Key Verse: Acts 1:8

PROPOSITION: The Holy Spirit is the power and presence of God enabling us to be effective witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ.

I. Some background information (1-3)

- A. The gospel of Luke is that former account of all that Jesus began to do and teach. (1)
- B. Theophilus, to whom the gospel was also addressed, was probably a prominent Gentile believer who may have assisted Luke in his research. (1)
- C. The ascension of Christ is the ending point of the gospel of Luke and the beginning point for the Acts of the Apostles. (2) [Luke 24:50-53]
- D. The Great Commission is the focal point of the commandments that Christ through the Holy Spirit had given to the Apostles whom He had chosen. (2) [Luke 24:46-48]
- E. His post-resurrection appearances were the infallible proofs that set the stage for the evangelistic explosion that would turn the world up side down. (3) [Luke 24:36-45]

II. We must be endowed with power from on high in order to fulfill the Great Commission. (4-5)

- A. The **command** to wait for the Promise of the Father (4) [Luke 24:49]
- B. Water baptism is one thing, but the baptism of the Holy Spirit is something else. (5)
 - 1. It is about God’s presence
 - 2. It is about God’s purity
 - 3. It is about God’s power

III. We are often too preoccupied with the restoration of our political kingdoms. (6-7)

- A. “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”
- B. “It is not for you to know...”

IV. We must by faith seek the infilling or the baptism of the Holy Spirit. (8)

- A. The infilling of the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God taking control of our lives.
- B. The infilling of the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God purifying our hearts.
 - 1. So that we can learn rightly
 - 2. So that we can live rightly
 - 3. So that we can love rightly
- C. The infilling of the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God empowering us to be effective witnesses.
 - 1. Empowering us to be effective witnesses for Christ
 - 2. Empowering us to be effective witnesses both in and beyond our environs