

PROMISE, PURPOSE, PEOPLE

Promise: Acts 1:7-8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.

Purpose: And you will be my witnesses,

People: telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." NLT

- **I. The Mission**

- **Acts 1:1-5**

- vs. 3 - Believing in Jesus, and His resurrection!
- vs. 3 - The Kingdom of God
- vs. 4 – Baptism of the Holy Spirit

- Acts 1:9-11 Standing and watching

- Acts 1:12-13 In Jerusalem waiting

- Acts 1:15 About 120 believers in one place

- Act 2:1 On the day of Pentecost
 - The Holy Spirit Comes!!!!
 - Acts 2:12 They stood there amazed and perplexed. “**What can this mean?**” they asked each other
- **II. The Message**
 - Acts 2:14-21
 - This is That!
- What is a witness?

- Acts 2:22-41
- Peter now filled with the Holy Spirit declares two very distinct points:
 - #1 – The Gospel is for all people (Acts 2:17,21)
 - #2 - Jesus is both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36)
- The massive crowd gathered on the day of Pentecost....ASKED – two life (transforming and redefining) questions...
 - #1 – What does this mean?
 - #2 – What shall we do? (Look at verse 37 again)
- Gospel = Good News

• Simple Salvation by Grace

- 38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- WE... ‘repent’ and are ‘baptized’ in His name... (the terms for entering the New Covenant)
- AND - we receive...the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit (works out IN us what Christ has won FOR us).
- 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”
- 40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. –
- Acts 2:38-41

- **III. The Means – THE CHURCH**

- When I say the word “Church,” what comes to mind?
- Ecclesiology, what it is and how it affects us.
- What are the Characteristics of a Biblical Church?
- Church in a building or in a house?
- Could we identify 5 Pillars of the N.T. Church?

