

Acts 1:8

Acts 2:38-39

Acts 3:19

“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...”

Acts 4:12

“Nor is there salvation in any other,
for there is no other name under
heaven given among men by which
we must be saved”

Acts 4 Outline

- * Vs. 1-22
 - * Apostles Arrested
- * Vs. 23-31
 - * Apostles' Prayer
- * Vs. 32-37
 - * Common Fund

By what power or by what name...?

Acts 4:7

- * See Mt 21:23-27
- * In the name of = by the power of
 - * By the authority, will, or might
 - * The power or authority that authorizes or commands an act to be done
 - * 4:2, 4:7, 4:10, 4:12, 4:17, 4:18, 4:30,
- * Speak or Teach in His name (4:18)
 - * Speak the word of God (4:29), including
 - * What God has done through Jesus
 - * Man's proper response to that gospel

Returned to Their Own

- * Did what was good to do – Prayed
- * Did not
 - * Feel sorry for self
 - * Doubt truth
- * Praised God
- * Expressed faith in God and trust in Him and His power (Rom 8:31)
- * Prayed for boldness
 - * Not for removal of persecution or for vengeance
- * Shall we not pray for the same?
- * Strength in mutual prayer

God's Work

- * Opposed by men, but still prevails
- * Jesus' rejection foreknown
- * Persecution involved
 - * Promised – 2 Tim 3:12
- * Boldness needed
- * Boldness in Acts 2, 3, 4
 - * Boldness not the same as mean, cruel, hateful, proud, self-righteous

Giving for the Needs of the Saints

- * Acts 4:32-36
- * Two realms
 - * His own – belonged to the individual
 - * Acts 5:4 – before contributed, it was one’s own
 - * Contributed – laid at the apostles feet
- * What was done?
 - * Lands and houses sold and proceeds put under apostolic control (“at the feet of” – Acts 22:3)
 - * Common fund
 - * Apostles distributed as anyone had need

Giving for the Needs of the Saints

- * How?
 - * Free-will offering
 - * Not compelled – Acts 5:4
 - * No bake sales, chariot washes, business ventures
- * Who was the object of the charity?
 - * Those who believed – verse 32, 24
 - * Same answer in 2:44-45
 - * I Jn 3:17-18
- * Purpose?
 - * For any believer who had need (v.35) so that no one lacked (v.34)
 - * Goal? Equality in want – nobody lacked – 2 Cor 8:14

Giving for the Needs of the Saints

- * No authority here for what has been contributed to the church to be used for unbelievers
 - * Does not mean individuals are not concerned/devoted to helping others who are in need! – Jas 1:27
- * The church never burdened with providing general relief to the world
- * This work never the means of producing Christians
- * This work is a fruit of Christians

Acts 5 Outline

- * Vs. 1-11
 - * Ananias & Sapphira
- * Vs. 12-16
 - * Miracles, wonders, signs
- * Vs. 17-42
 - * Second arrest of the apostles

Ananias & Sapphira

- * Contrast:
 - * Joses (Barnabas) – 4:36-37
 - * Ananias & Sapphira
- * Sin was not:
 - * They gave only part of the price
- * Not obligated to sell – verse 4
- * Not obligated to give the full price – verse 4
- * Free-will offering
 - * 2 Cor 9:7

Lying to God

- * Gave part of price but pretended to give all the price
- * Motive?
 - * Sought praise of men?
- * Lied to
 - * Holy Spirit – verse 3
 - * God – verse 4
 - * The Spirit of God – verse 9
- * Holy Spirit is God, Deity
- * God knows the heart
 - * Not just what we do, but why we do it

“Satan filled your heart”

- * “You have conceived this thing in your heart”
- * Jas 1:13-15
- * Rom 6:16
- * Jas 4:7
- * Succumbed to Satan’s influence, not God’s