

# Acts 1:8

# Acts 2:38-39

Acts 3:19

## 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 5:29

“Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, ‘We ought to obey God rather than men.’”

# Acts 6 Outline

- \* Vs. 1-7
  - \* Choosing the seven
- \* Vs. 8-15
  - \* Disputing with Stephen

# Simple Pattern

- \* The instruction: choose out from among you
  - \* C.f. 1 Cor 16:3; 2 Cor 8:19
- \* Men
- \* To be appointed over this business
- \* The apostles gave the rules and qualifications
- \* The church followed the rules and chose
- \* The apostles appointed
- \* Contrast to religious world:
  - \* Establish institutions

# Laying on of hands

- \* Acts 4:3
- \* Acts 5:18
- \* Apostles' hands
  - \* Acts 6:6
  - \* Acts 8:18
- \* Acts 13:3
  - \* C.f. Nu 27:18-23



# Cause & Effect

- \* Word of God taught
- \* One result:
  - \* Number of disciples multiplied greatly
  - \* Great many of the priests obedient to the faith
- \* Another result:
  - \* Rejected
  - \* Contradicted
  - \* Twisted words
  - \* Persecuted
- \* Can Christians expect the same things to happen today?

# Obedient to the Faith

- \* The faith – Gal 1:23; Jud 3
- \* “the faith” vs. “faith”
- \* Rom 6:17
- \* Rom 1:6; 16:26
- \* Not: Believe then saved, i.e. not faith alone

# Two Great Men

- \* Stephen
  - \* Full of faith and power
  - \* Did great wonders and signs among the people
  - \* Courageous, bold
  - \* Preached out of season
  - \* Suffered to the point of death
- \* Philip
  - \* Preached in Samaria
  - \* Zealous
  - \* Unquestioning Obedience

# Satan's Devices

- \* Silence the preaching/teaching
  - \* God's answer? Keep speaking
- \* Threaten
  - \* God's answer? Do not fear
- \* Physical harm
  - \* God's answer? Accept; don't retaliate
- \* Dispute
  - \* Speak the wisdom of God (v.10)
- \* Lies, misrepresentation
  - \* Keep speaking the truth

# Acts 7 Outline

- \* Vs. 1-53
  - \* Stephen's defense, sermon
- \* Vs. 54-60
  - \* Stephen stoned

# Overview of Jewish History

- \* Included the facts they loved to hear about
  - \* Their land
  - \* Their nation
  - \* Their law
  - \* Their temple
- \* Showed the continual rejection of God's messengers
  - \* Refusing to listen
  - \* Persecuting them

Received but rejected the living oracles