

Acts 1:1-11 The Birth of the Church

I. Acts

- A. Written by Luke
 - 1. 67 A.D
 - 2. Same as the Gospel of Luke (1:3)
 - a) Theophilus (lover of God)
 - b) A sequel to Luke
 - 3. Followed Paul and recorded the events (2 Timothy 4:11)
- B. Called “Acts of the Apostles”
- C. Outline of the book (1:8)
- D. The Church is birthed
 - 1. Stories of the Apostles and disciples
 - 2. Church is always in the background of the work

***The birth of the church was an on-going call for believers to be faithful to Christ’s mission**

II. The Presence of the Holy Spirit (1-5)

- A. Christ is risen and appearing to many (and apostles)
- B. Reminded to wait for “the promise”
- C. Baptism
 - 1. John the Baptist: repentance and ritual
 - 2. Holy Spirit: Complete immersion and surrender
- D. Be overcome by the presence of God

III. The Power of the Holy Spirit (6-8)

- A. Apostles met with Jesus
 - 1. Only 11 now
 - 2. Met in Jerusalem (1:4)
- B. They wanted to reestablish the Kingdom of Israel
 - 1. Always thought Messiah was to establish kingdom on earth
 - 2. Luke 17:21
 - 3. Kingdom of God is first set up in our hearts
- C. Called to be a witness
 - 1. Expert vs Eyewitness

2. Teach all that I commanded (Matt. 28:19-20)
 3. Witness to everyone everywhere
 4. "Witness" = "martyr"
- D. The presence of God inside comes to the outside
1. What we are filled with eventually comes out
 2. Who we are on the inside is reflected to the outside

IV. The patience of the Holy Spirit (9-11)

- A. Jesus ascends into heaven
 1. Taken up by a cloud
 2. Returned to heaven but did not die again (post resurrection)
- B. Two men appear
 1. Angels
 2. White robes symbolizes spiritual purity
 3. Messengers
- C. Jesus will come back
 1. The promise of a return for hope
 2. The challenge to be faithfully at work for the mission
- D. Be a worker on mission for Christ (Luke 19:10)

V. Live It Out

- A. Acknowledge the presence of God and the Holy Spirit
- B. Acknowledge the commands and commission believers have been given
- C. Recognize how you are "waiting" on Christ's return

=>Angel Martinez quote

VI. The birth of the church was an on-going call for believers to be faithful to Christ's mission.