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They call it the Acts of the Apostles, but the Book of Acts could very well be called "The Acts of the Holy Spirit" for here we see the promise Jesus made after telling the Apostles to "RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT" in John 20:22 coming to pass in a very real way. Here in the Acts we see the Power poured out on believers.

We see the Word convicting hearts as never before and we see men doing things they had never done before. AND THAT REMINDS ME OF SOMETHING I HEARD A RADIO PREACHER SAY ONE DAY AS I WAS MAKING MY WAY DOWN HERE... HE SAID THIS:

"If you want to get what you have never had before, you are going to have to do something you have never done before." AMEN

He also said "IF YOU ARE GOING TO REAP WHAT YOU HAVE NEVER REAPED BEFORE, YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO SOW WHAT YOU'VE NEVER SOWN BEFORE." Amen

I believe it happened at Pentecost. I believe that the power these people had was a direct result of their doing what this Preacher said we must do...

Listen, "IF YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH WHAT YOU HAVE.. ASK GOD TO GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED..."

IF YOU ARE NOT BEING USED AS GOD WANTS TO USE YOU, THEN DO WHAT JESUS SAID IN ACTS 1:8 " AND THAT IS GIVE THE REIGNS OVER TO THE HOLY GHOST.

ALLOW HIM TO LEAD AND MINISTER THROUGH YOU..

IF YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE WITH THE WORD, LET THE HOLY SPIRIT DO SOME TEACHING TO YOU..

He's Good at It, because it's His Job

120 I want to ask you a question, What do you feel is a big problem today? Why is it that so many DOCTRINES are being taught today?

I believe the answer is found in Acts 2:37  
There is a key word there, try and find it. *listen*

" NOW WHEN THEY HEARD THE MESSAGE PETER PREACHED, THEY WERE PRICKED IN THEIR HEARTS. AND SAID UNTO PETER AND TO THE REST OF THE BRETHREN, " WHAT *Small*

*We Do*  
What would you say was the KEY WORD was?

Now I know some might say, " Their hearts were pricked, and that would be real good, BUT I CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE WORD "HEARD". *Oh listen,* their hearts would never have been convicted or stung sharply, if they had not HEARD the word...

Do You Get The Message MY FRIENDS ? WE HAVE TO HEAR THE WORD BEFORE WE CAN RESPOND TO THE WORD.

AND THIS WORD we speak of is the WORD OF GOD..

These men who were baptized tonight, by their own testimony, HAVE HEARD THE WORD. Their hearts were dealt with by the Holy Spirit, and they responded to His DRAWING them to the Father. If you are saved, It's because YOU HEARD THE WORD, AND LET THE HOLY SPIRIT DRAW YOU TO THE FATHER. *John 6:44*

Well what else happened after they heard and responder to the word ? THEY ASKED PETER TO GUIDE THEM IN THE NEXT STEP OF "FELLOWSHIP" *FOLLOWSHIP*

*And* Peter said, NOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED, YOU NEED TO BE BAPTIZED IN WATER, AS A TESTIMONY.

PETER SAID: "REPENT" AND BE BAPTIZED."

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I believe Peter was saying FIRST THINGS FIRST

You see the word REPENT means: Change Of Mind (METANOIA) in the Greek. Peter was saying: "CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD GOD AND HIS WORD. TOWARD SIN AND THE WORLD."

PETER WAS SAYING: "CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT JESUS, INSTEAD OF REJECTING HIM, ACCEPT HIM." And I am convinced that all that comes before Baptism....

*Just as Repentance comes before forgiveness.*  
Now the word "AND" means "FOLLOWING THAT". So the Apostle is saying, "AFTER YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR MIND, YOUR ATTITUDE, AND STOPPED FIGHTING AGAINST JESUS, BE BAPTIZED AS A MESSAGE TO EVERYONE THAT YOU HAVE made this commitment and are not ashamed.  
*on the basis of your sins already being forgiven*

LET ME ASK, IS THAT THE MESSAGE YOU WANTED DELIVERED WHEN YOU WERE BAPTIZED? IT SURE OUGHT TO BE...

You see, being baptized says to the world, "SINCE I AM SUPPOSED TO BE A NEW CREATURE NOW THAT I AM SAVED, I COMMIT MYSELF TO IT."

MEN, I MUST TELL YOU, THAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS OLD SIN SICK WORLD. IT WILL PUT DOWN LOTS OF THOSE QUESTIONS WE ALL HEAR PEOPLE ASK. AND LET ME TELL YOU, THAT WOULD BE WELCOMED TO ME.

And I know that it would please our Lord.  
THE APOSTLE PETER IS TELLING US THAT BAPTISM NEEDS TO FOLLOW OUR SALVATION EXPERIENCE. NOT IN ORDER TO BE SAVED, BUT BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN SAVED.  
*Here water*  
*And our sins forgiven*

4 WELL NOW, IS THIS ALL THAT PETER SAYS TO THESE WHO HAVE ASKED TO KNOW THE TRUTH? DID HE TELL THEM TO GO HOME AND SIT DOWN AND DO NOTHING?

ABSOLUTELY NOT... NO PLACE IN THE WORD OF GOD IS A PERSON WHO HAS GIVEN THEIR HEART TO THE LORD FOR SAFE KEEPING <sup>Be</sup> TOLD TO SIT WITH HANDS FOLDED.

Here in these verses the Apostle says: BECAUSE YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE LORD JESUS, YOU ~~NOT~~ RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."

now contrary to what some teach today, This promise was not JUST TO THE JEWS... listen to verse 39 and rejoice: "FOR THE PROMISE IS UNTO YOU (BUT THATS NOT ALL) AND TO YOUR CHILDREN, AND TO ALL AFAR OFF...."

(Not to be loved)

AND MEN, THAT INCLUDES YOU AND ME... YOU SEE THE WORD "AFAR OFF" MEANS WHOSEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD. ~~Whenever~~

OH LISTEN, GOD'S INVITATION IS STILL IN EFFECT. PEOPLE ARE STILL BEING SAVED, AND STILL RECEIVING THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN

LET ME TELL YOU... "THE POWER is not in big fine buildings as some believe... it's not in great wealth as some suppose... The power is not in what we say in ourselves... THE POWER IS IN THE PROMISE OF GOD, AND THAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT TO ALL WHO BELIEVE AND ACCEPT JESUS AS SAVIOR... And being Baptized should be our testimony....."

MEN, IT'S TIME THAT THAT FAMILY OF GOD, STAND AND BE COUNTED... WE HAVE BEEN THE "SILENT GROUP" FAR TOO LONG.

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IF YOU WILL READ IN PSALMS 107 VERSE 2 YOU WILL  
FIND THAT THE WORD OF GOD SAYS: LET THE REDEEMED  
OF THE LORD SAY SO... AND IF YOU ARE SAVED, YOU  
ARE REDEEMED... That means you are not your own, you  
were bought with a price, and that price was the  
BLOOD of the Lord Jesus... You Belong to Him

MEN, ARE YOU GETTING THE MESSAGE? WE ARE COMMANDED  
OF THE LORD JESUS TO "LET OUR LIGHT SHINE" AND I  
BELIEVE THAT MEANS "BEAR WITNESS OF THE RELATIONSHIP  
WE HAVE IN THE LORD..."

ONE OF THE MEN WHO ~~WERE~~ <sup>was</sup> BAPTIZED TONIGHT SAID  
TO ME: "CHAPLAIN, I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS"  
AND I HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT THAT? IN FACT  
I BELIEVE THE MAN HAS ALREADY GIVEN EVIDENCE  
THAT HE WAS SERIOUS, AND GOD HAS ALREADY BLESSED  
HIM WITH THE TOOLS TO LET HIS LIGHT ~~SHINE~~..  
SHINE.."

I'M BELIEVING THAT THIS MAN IS GOING TO BE USED OF  
GOD TO HELP OTHERS HEAR THE WORD. AND THAT MEANS  
"HE IS GOING TO BOLDLY PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL..."

AND LISTEN, IF WE ARE SAVED, THAT OUGHT TO BE OUR  
PRIORITY ALSO... LET ME TELL YOU SOMEONE WHO IS  
SAVED AND SILENT IS LETTING THE DEVIL USE THEM.

AND THE REASON THAT MANY REMAIN SILENT IS THAT  
THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN IMPOWERED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT  
AND THATS THEIR FAULT, NOT GOD'S

LET ME ASK, DOES ANYONE HERE NEED TO HEAR WHAT  
GOD IS SAYING BESIDES ME?

*I believe others needed to hear  
it also*

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I BELIEVE THERE ARE OTHERS HERE WHO NEED TO BE REMINDED OF SOME VERY IMPORTANT THINGS...AND WE ARE TRYING TO DO THAT EVEN NOW.....

PETER SAID, "NOW WHEN THEY HEARD THIS" what is this? I believe it's the infallible/inerrant never changing word of GOD.

That which many will never hear if we who claim to be saved and spirit filled stay tongue tied.... and hide in the shadows. *It's "Coming Out for Jesus Jesus = Amen"*

LET ME ASK, HAVE YOU EVER MADE A VOW TO GOD? HAVE YOU EVER GONE BACK ON IT?

OH LISTEN, GOD TAKES OUR VOWS SERIOUS, READ IT FOR YOURSELF IN ECCLESTIQUES CHAPTER 5...IT ALSO SAYS:

And DON'T ALLOW YOUR MOUTH TO CAUSE YOU TO SIN." AMEN *Meaning Saying Sometimes & Not Meaning At All*

THESE MEN MADE VOWS TO GOD TONIGHT, WE NEED TO PRAY FOR THEM. PRAY THAT THEY ALLOW THE SAME HOLY SPIRIT WHO DREW THEM TO THE FATHER, TO EMPOWER THEM FOR GOD'S WORK...AND LET ME TELL YOU, WE WOULD DO WELL TO PRAY THE SAME PRAYER FOR OURSELVES.....

WELL, I BELIEVE WE HAVE HEARD THE WORD TONIGHT, QUESTION IS: "WHAT ARE WE GOIN TO DO WITH IT?"

*listen*  
WE WILL DO EXACTLY WHAT WE WANT TO DO.."

AND THATS NOT ALWAYS WHAT GOD WOULD HAVE US DO...BUT WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT IF IT WAS.....

Let me Ask Do you Feel the Need (7)

~~WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A COMMITMENT tonight /~~

DO YOU FEEL LED OF THE LORD TO DO SO.....

do you waht something that you have never had ?

Will you be willing to do something you've never done.

DO YOU NEED SOMETHING YOU'VE NEVER HAD... THEN SUBMIT YOURSELF TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.. ALLOW HIM TO EMPOWER YOU.....

~~to do Gods work = As a~~

COULD WE MAKE IT A MATTER OF PRAYER.... P R A Y

WILL YOU MAKE A PUBLIC COMMITMENT TO THE LORD ?

WILL YOU DO IT AT THIS ALTAR. WE INVITE YOU TO COME NOW.

HAVE YOU FELT THE HOLY SPIRIT DRAWING YOU TO THE FATHER. REALIZING THAT YOU NEED SOMETHING YOU'VE NEVER HAD. THEN ASK GOD FOR IT.

IF YOU HAVE NEVER RECEIVED THE LORD

AS YOUR PERSONAL SAVIOR, YOU CAN DO

IT TONIGHT. WILL YOU LET ME HELP

YOU... IF SO RAISE YOUR HAND...

JOE, PLEASE PLAY SOMETHING YOU FEEL IS APPROPRIATE.