

Acts 1:1-8

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." 6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

baptizo = baptism = to immerse, submerge, overwhelm

"We have substituted theological ideas for an arresting encounter." – A.W. Tozer

"The doorway that stands open between the church and the broader culture is a thoughtful, experiential spirituality grounded in the person of the Holy Spirit." – Tyler Staton

➤ **Power**

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"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you..."

power = dunamis (DOO-nah-mis) = a strength given through God's resources

Simon the sorcerer vs. Nicodemus the Pharisee

"The Enemy always sends errors in pairs so when you turn from one you fall headlong into the other." – C.S. Lewis

"Here is one of the great acts of love, empowering another person, knowing full well that person will probably make serious mistakes with that power, knowing that those mistakes may be costly even to the one who does the empowering." – Parker Palmer

➤ **Witness**

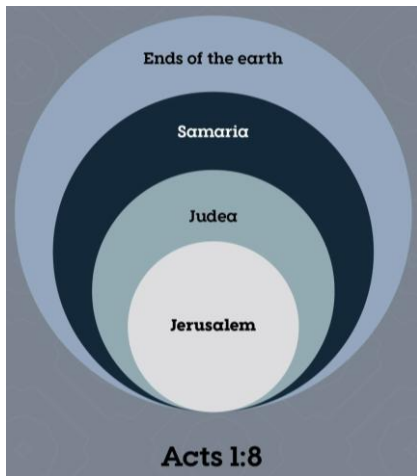
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witness = martus (mar'-toos) = bear truthful, Spirit-empowered testimony of Jesus Christ, no matter the cost

"When Christians take on the vocation of being witnesses, it has a dramatic effect on how they conduct their lives. They stop trying to achieve a life and choose instead to receive one. As long as their goal was achievement, their constant companion was complaint because they could never achieve enough. But the day they decided to start witnessing the many ways God is still creating their lives, their companion became gratitude." – M. Craig Barnes





Missions clarifies scope and Jesus set the scope at all people, everywhere.

The very nature of the mission drives us to our knees in dependence upon the One who gave it to us.

“We don’t get jaded into spectating because we *want* to sit back and spectate. It happens in reaction to something real—an experience, usually a painful, disillusioning one. But in search of a more pure, authentic experience in the wake of that disillusionment, we often wall ourselves off from experiences altogether. In an effort to become less naïve, we accidentally become less human.” – Tyler Staton

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