

CP - 8/28/22

Acts - Recap of 1:1-8:3

Up, Down, Out

Chapter 1 (UP)

*Author: Luke

*Purpose: Certainty in the Work and Word of Christ

*Acts 1:1 - The finished/unfinished work of Christ

*Acts 1:8 - Apostles receive marching orders

*Acts 1:9-11 - Jesus ascends

Chapter 2 (DOWN)

*2:1-4 - Spirit comes upon them at Pentecost

*2:14-41 - Peter's sermon at Pentecost - 3,000 were added to the Body

*2:42-47 - First snap shot of their everyday lives

Chapter 3 (OUT)

*3:1-10 - First miracle performed at the hands of the apostles

*3:11-26 - Peter's second sermon - number grew to around 5,000

Chapter 4

*4:1-22 - Apostles arrested, threatened, and released (attack from outside)

*4:23-31 - Apostles return to their brothers/sisters and pray for God to keep working and their obedience

Chapter 5

*5:1-11 - Purification of the church (attack from within)

*5:12-42 - Apostles arrested, beaten, and released (attack from outside)

Chapter 6 & 7

*6:1-7 - Seven chosen to serve

- Stephen and Philip

- Number of disciples multiplied

*6:8-7:53 - Stephen's ministry, arrest, trial, and defense

*7:54-60 - Stephen's death and the introduction of Saul

Chapter 8

*Persecution

*Church scatters in Judea and Samaria (1:8)

*Saul becomes an important figure

Certainty in the Power of the Spirit:

- 1. Jesus was alive, seated, and soon to return.**
 1. Every time we hear them speak is of Jesus
 2. Sovereignly ruling
 3. All power in heaven and on earth
- 2. Jesus had called them to be His witnesses to all nations.**
 1. No matter what was going on, they knew their purpose.
 2. They were committed to being obedient.
 3. No matter how difficult or inconvenient it got
- 3. Jesus had called them to love one another.**
 1. They were committed to one another
 2. In word and deed
 3. It's where they spent their time and resources
- 4. Jesus would build His Church.**
 1. Any attack of the enemy only fueled the flame and increased their numbers
 2. It was a promise of Jesus to them
 3. Not even the gates of hell could stop it
- 5. Jesus would always be with them no matter where they found themselves.**
 1. He didn't leave them as orphans
 2. He was with them in the power of the Spirit
 3. Even in death