

Study Acts 2:22-47

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He Can Give You Power!

Acts 1:8 “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Dr. Lester Sumrall said:

- Authority is one form of power.
- Energy is another form of power.
- The Holy Spirit gives both authority and energy.

Peter’s Sermon

Acts 2:22-24 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.”

There would be no Gospel Message without The Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

1 Cor. 15:14 “And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.”

Peter says in verse 24...“whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.”

Peter quoted Psalm 16:8-11 – Letting them know that David was not talking about himself, but he was prophesying about Jesus’ resurrection.

Acts 2:26-27 For David says concerning Him: I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. Therefore, my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover, my flesh also will rest in hope. For You will not leave my soul in Hades, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

Acts 2:28-29 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.’ “Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

Acts 2:30-31 Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.

Acts 2:32-35 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore, being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. “For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”

- Jesus the crucified one, the resurrected one, is now the exalted one, who occupies the throne of highest honor in heaven at God’s right hand.
- Psalm 110 is the most frequently quoted OT passage in the NT. It is used 13 times and is the primary text used to explain the exaltation of Christ.

Let’s read on...

Acts 2:36-37 “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

Acts 2:38-39 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

- The Holy Spirit is for those present.
- The Holy Spirit is for future generations, even for your children.
- The Holy Spirit is for those far off, with no limit in time.
- As many as are called to salvation can receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

A Vital Church Grows

Acts 2:40-41 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

Acts 2:42-43 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

Acts 2:44-47 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

1. **It was a Learning Church.**
2. **It was a Church of Fellowship.**
3. **It was a Praying Church.**

4. **It was a Reverent Church.**
5. **It was a Church where things happened.**
6. **It was a Sharing Church.**
7. **It was a Worshipping Church.**
8. **It was a Happy Church.**
9. **It was a Church who had favor with people.**

Agathos simply describes a thing as good.

Kalos means that a thing is not only good but looks good. It has an attractiveness about it. Real Christianity is a lovely thing.

The church gains favor with people by doing things that are attractive and helpful to others. In the early Church there was an attractiveness in God's people.

Psalms 33:1 – "Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright."