



ACTIVE LOVE CHURCH JUNE 6TH, 2021

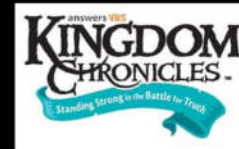
- Announcements
- Worship
- Testimonies
- Teaching
- Communion





ANNOUNCEMENTS

- June 5th, 12:30pm - Park and Pray at Kasting Park
- June 11th, 7pm - Bunco Night
- June 12-19th - Missions Trip to
- Thursdays in July - VBS - Kingdom Chronicles





VISION



Get It



Grow It



Give It



ACTS SERIES

- Pentecost and Overview
- The First Church (Acts 1-4)
- Witnessing in Jerusalem (Acts 5-8:3)
- Witnessing in Judea and Samaria (8:4-12)
- 1st Missionary Journey (Acts 13-15:35)
- 2nd Missionary Journey (Acts 15:36-18:21)
- 3rd Missionary Journey (Acts 18:22-25:9)
- Journey to Rome (Acts 25:10-28)



MEMORY VERSE REVIEW

- Acts 1:⁸ 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.”
- Acts 2:⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE PENTECOSTAL?

Preach Jesus + Faith for Miracles = Spirit-filled Evangelism

Acts 4: ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to **speak your word with great boldness**. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to **heal and perform signs and wonders** through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

- God working in and through sinners
- God given power to fulfil the Great Commission
- Urgency because is coming soon



WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM

- Acts 5
 - 1-10: Ananias and Sapphira – Don't play church
 - 12-16: Healing and miracles were a major part of the apostles ministry
 - 17-41: Apostles rejoiced to suffer for Jesus, preached boldly in the Temple AND house to house

Jerusalem was a difficult mission field

Peter repeatedly reminded them that they crucified Jesus who God validated by the working of miracles

Stephen reminded them of their repeated rejection of God's prophets

Oppression and Persecution was great

Ananias and Sapphira – Peter didn't kill Ananias, it happened suddenly. Peter merely predicted the same thing would happen again with Sapphira.

- Holy is the Lord God almighty
- We don't have time to play church. There's no place here for pretenses.

Great crowds were forming wherever the apostles went. Even Peter's shadow was healing people. Holy Spirit was oozing out of them.



WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM

- Acts 6
 - 1-7: Selection of Deacons, servants
 - 8-15: Transfiguration of Stephen, the Deacon
- Acts 7 – The testimony of Stephen
- Acts 8:1-3 – The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church

Requirements: Well respected, full of the Spirit and wisdom.

6:8: Stephen was full of God's grace and power, performed amazing miracles and signs among the people.

6:15 says his face was like that of an angel

7:55: Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and he saw Jesus standing in the place of honor at God's right hand.

Jesus stands for you! He sees your suffering. Romans 8:34 says Christ is at the right hand of God interceding for us.

What does it mean to be fully of grace? "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

Saul attacks Christians, house to house.



GOD'S PURPOSE, GOD'S PLAN

Pentecost > Peter and John heal a beggar in Jesus name > warned by the high council > preach even more boldly > arrested > freed by an angel > arrested again > spared by Gamaliel but flogged > Apostles choose Deacons, Stephen is empowered > Saul is enraged > Church flees Jerusalem > Jesus appears to Saul > Barnabas introduces Paul to the Apostles > Paul, Barnabas, and Peter change the world.

Peter and John heal, get arrested, warned to stop preaching Jesus, get arrested again, freed by an angel, Peter preaches boldly,

Stephen did not preach or experience a prosperity gospel. His destiny was to be martyred, to ignite the church beyond Jerusalem.



NEW MEMORY VERSE

- **Acts 7:⁵⁵** But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.



INSTRUCTIONS

- Write down the memory verse, Acts 7:55
- Read Acts 6:8 to 8:3
- Talk about God's sovereignty of God.
- How did we see the Holy Spirit working in these chapters?
- Lift up prayers to be more like Stephen: full of grace, performing miracles, quick to forgive, and ready to preach the gospel.