



ACTIVE LOVE CHURCH

JUNE 13TH, 2021

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thursdays in July – VBS – Kingdom Chronicles





VISION

We want every one in McGregor to have an opportunity to experience the *active* love and presence of God.





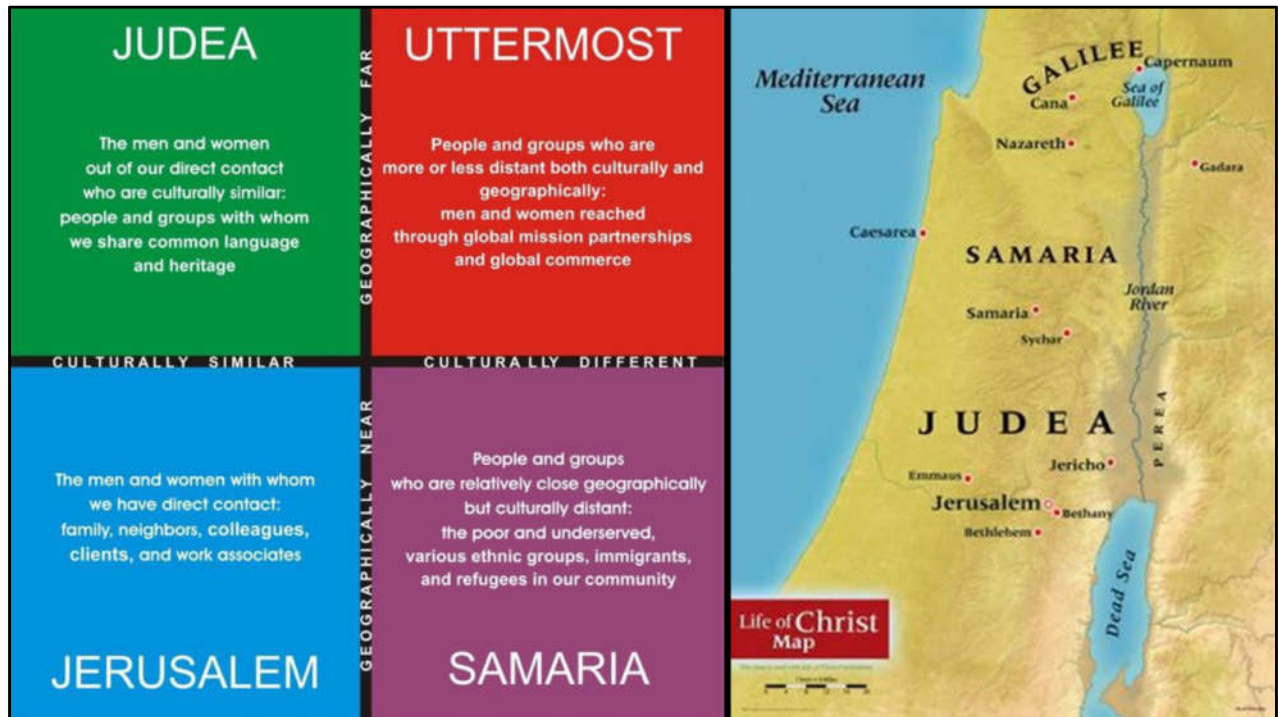
ACTS SERIES

- Pentecost and Overview
- The First Church (Acts 1-4)
- Witnesses in Jerusalem (Acts 5-8:3)
- **Witnesses 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.
- 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.



Persecution in Jerusalem had caused Christians to scatter. This caused them to preach to more diverse people.



SPIRIT BAPTISMS IN ACTS

Reference	Who	To Whom	Method	Evidence
Acts 2:1-4	Jesus	"All Believers"	Wind and Fire	"tongues as the HS gave them utterance" – For the purpose of translation
Acts 4:31	Holy Spirit	Believers	Praying for courage	Meeting place shook. Preached with boldness.
Acts 8:14-17	Peter, John	Samaritans	Laying on hands	Simon the Sorcerer offered to buy the power he had observed
Acts 9:18	Ananias	Paul	Laying on hands	Healed and baptized (assumed to be BotHS)
Acts 10:44-46	Peter	Household of Cornelius	Hearing the gospel	Spoke in tongues – For the purpose of praising God
Acts 19:4-6	Paul	Ephesus	Laying on hands	Spoke in tongues and prophesied – For the purpose of prophesy/edification? 1 Cor 14:5b



PHILIP OPENS SAMARIA

8:4-25

- Philip, a greek Deacon, travels to Samaria to evangelize, including great signs and miracles.
- Many, including, Simon the Sorcer, are saved and water baptized!
- Apostles send Peter and John to investigate.
- They lay on hands to impart the Holy Spirit.
- **Apostles begin teaching in Samaritan villages.**

It wasn't the apostles that were leading the way to share the gospel with Gentiles, it was the greek believers starting with Stephen and Philip. Says Philip was a great miracle worker. Developed a prophetic culture in his family.

Simon the Sorcer, "The Great One" became a follower and was baptized, 8:13.

Samaritans were despised as half breed Jews, who intermingled Judaism with pagan worship.



PHILIP OPENS ETHIOPIA Acts 8:26-40



- An Angel tells Philip towards Gaza
- On the way, he meets a dignitary
- This eunuch also would have been an outcast to the Jews
- He's already seeking the Lord
- God sends Philip to baptize him
- **Philip is teleported to Azotus (v39)**
- Preached in every town up to Caesarea

Deut 23:1, Lev 21:17-23: men without genitals were excluded from Tabernacle/Temple worship

“God fearing man”, outside of Israel descent, but worshipping Yahweh.

First recorded missionary journey.



SAUL MEETS JESUS 9

- Saul travels to Damascus to arrest Christians
- Blinded by an encounter with Jesus
- Jesus tells Ananias to heal and baptize Saul
- Saul escapes Damascus in a basket, returns to Jerusalem
- Barnabas introduces Saul to the apostles
- Jews try to kill Saul, so the apostles send him to hometown of Tarsus

This account of Paul's conversion is retold 7 times in the NT.

Fasted for 3 days as he waited for an encounter.



PETER IS CONVINCED 10

- Cornelius has a vision, an angel says to fetch Peter
- Peter is puzzled by a vision, but is told to go with the men
- Peter is invited to preach to a full house
- *While preaching*, the Holy Spirit is poured out on everyone
- Then they were baptized with water

You would think that the experience in Samaria in Acts 8 would have been enough, but it took a vision and visitation for Peter to fully understand the revelation and ramifications.

Peter is now convinced that the BotHS is for Gentiles too.



11:1-18 - PETER'S DEFENSE 11:19-26 - PAUL ON DECK

- Peter defends his actions in Jerusalem
- Barnabas goes to Tarsus to bring Saul to Antioch
- Saul and Barnabas teach together for 1 year
- Antioch raises a large offering for Judean churches

¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?"

Meanwhile the greek Christians in Antioch are doing amazing things and seeing lots of people come to Christ.

Offering goes to Jerusalem.

Saul likely changed his own name to Paul when he turned is focus on ministering to greeks/gentiles in Acts 13. Saul is his Hebrew name, Paul is his Roman name. Plus, Paul also means "little", which goes along with is MO that he must less so that Christ can be more.



ANGELS EVERYWHERE

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- King Herod joins the persecution bandwagon to please Jews
- Peter is arrested, but freed by an angel, again!
- Peter wasn't sure if this was real or a vision
- The believers thought it was more likely an angel knocking on their door than for it to be Peter!
- After accepting worship, Herod was killed by an angel

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NEW MEMORY VERSE

- Acts 11:¹⁵ “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning.”



INSTRUCTIONS

- Write down the memory verse, Acts 11:15
- Read Acts 10:9-11:18
- How did we see the Holy Spirit working in these chapters?
- Like Philip, pray for divine appointments and be ready to minister.