

“Unexpected Beginnings?”

Acts 1:8-28:31

I. Power ... and the Holy Spirit

- 1) **Spiritual Language** - Acts 2:11-12
- 2) **Receiving Forgiveness** - Acts 2:38-39
- 3) **Devotion** - Acts 2:42, 44-45, 46
- 4) **Signs and Wonders** - Acts 2:43; 3:6, 9-10; 8:7-8; 19:11-12
- 5) **Salvation** - Acts 4:4, Acts 4:12; 9:17
- 6) **Courage** - Acts 4:13
- 7) **Spiritual Insight** - Acts 5:3-4
- 8) **Wisdom** - Acts 6:10
- 9) **Granting Forgiveness** - Acts 7:54 - 8:1
- 10) **Life Change** – Acts 9:20-21
- 11) **Unity** - Acts 10:44-45
- 12) **Ignites Prayer** - Acts 12:5
- 13) **World Missions** - Acts 13:2-3
- 14) **Joy** - Acts 13:52
- 15) **Decisions** - Acts 15:28
- 16) **Direction/ Intervention** Acts 16:6-9
- 17) **Endurance** - Acts 16:23-25
- 18) **Healing/Spiritual Gifts** - Acts 19:11-12
- 19) **Purpose/ Passion for God** - Acts 20:22-24
- 20) **Encouragement** - Acts 23:11

II. Witnesses ... to the End of the Earth

A) Jerusalem

- 1) Apostles
Acts 2:22-24; 4:8-12; 5:42
- 2) People
Acts 4:31; 11:20-21

B) Judea & Samaria

Acts 8:1, 4-5; 10:28-44; 12:23-24

C) Ends of the Earth

Acts 13:44, 48-49; 17:2-4; 17:11-12; 17:30-31; 20:20-22; 28:23-24; 28:30-31

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

Acts 2:1-5 *When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.*

Acts 2:11-12 *we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."¹² And all were amazed and perplexed...*

Acts 2:38-39 *"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."*

Acts 2:42 *And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers*

Acts 2:46 *And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes ...*

Acts 3:9-10 *And all the people saw him walking and praising God, ... and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him*

Acts 4:12 *And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

Acts 9:17 *And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."*

Acts 4:13 *Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.*

Acts 5:3-4 *But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?⁴ While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."*

Acts 6:10 *But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.*

Acts 7:54 - 8:1 *Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him.⁵⁵ But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God...⁵⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him...⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.*

Acts 9:20-21 *And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹ And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name?"*

Acts 10:44-45 *While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.*

Acts 12:5 *So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.*

Acts 13:2-3 *While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.*

Acts 13:52 *And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.*

Acts 15:28 *For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements*

Acts 16:6-9 *And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia...⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."*

Acts 16:23-25 *And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. ²⁴ Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them...*

Acts 19:11-12 *And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹² so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them*

James 5:14-15 *Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up.*

Acts 20:22-24 *And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.*

"Human nature, if it is healthy, demands excitement; and if it does not obtain its thrilling excitement in the right way, it will seek it in the wrong. God never makes bloodless stoics; He makes no passionless saints." Oswald Chambers

Acts 2:22-24 *"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know- ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it... ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.*

Acts 4:8-12 *Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them ... ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead- by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

Acts 4:31 *And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.*

Acts 11:20-21 *But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.*

Acts 8:1 *... And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.*

Acts 8:4-5 *Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. ⁵ Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ.*

Acts 10:28-44 *And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean... ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." ⁴⁴ While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.*

Acts 13:48-49 *And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. ⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.*

Acts 17:2-4 *And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³ explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer*

and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." ⁴ And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women.

***Acts 17:11-12** Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. ¹² Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men.*

***Acts 17:30-31** The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."*

***Acts 20:20-22** ... how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there...*

***Acts 28:23-24** When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in greater numbers. From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets. ²⁴ And some were convinced by what he said, but others disbelieved.*

***Acts 28:30-31** He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, ³¹ proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance...*