

Intro: Impt of Acts unquestioned. Historical source book for ch. Doctrine in practice. Bridge bet Gospels and epis. Titles: Acts of Apostles (2nd c). Vol II of Acts of Risen X(v1). Acts of HS (NSRB) Referred to 50+ Following that theme what did HS do? Baptized (1:5;11:15-6); presence was proof of new birth (5:32); leads (16:7); governs ch (13:2;20:28); opened Script (1:16;Ps41:9). <sup>But, most</sup> frequent is filling (9x). Purpose (what does) <sup>(how exp)</sup> and prereq

## I. Purpose of Filling

### A. For witness (service)

1. 2:4. Get so involved in tongues ? that forget 2:11. Works: death, res, asc, coming of HS.
2. Persec by Sad bec of healing of lame man (4:1) Prison, 1-4; preaching, 5-12 (92 words); punishment, 13-22; prayer, 23-31. Acknowledged sovereign power of God (24), plan of God (25-28 incld human responsibility), 1petition 29. Boldness granted and 2nd filling on same people without intervention of sin. For new service and witness.

### B. For leadership

1. Sated in 6:3. Men, bel "among you", <sup>=witnessed to</sup> reputable, spiritual, wise. Native intell+ Spirit-directed application of truth to practical sit. Adj=state of being. Not overnight just as reputable takes time. Isa 1:11 surfeited. Not much time since Pentecost but filled during that time. =P's spiritual; Heb's mature.
2. Illustrated, 11:24 (same phrase). v24 explains why Bar rejoiced and exhorted (v23). Leader: good reputation so Jer ch sent him; spiritual so discerned (Heb 5) God was doing this at Antioch; wise so went for help.

### C. For strength

1. Stephen, 7:55. Heart cut in 2 bec hard (=5:33). Ground their teeth. Stephen saw His strength, Mel priest.
2. Saul, 9:17. Immediate power and understanding, v20-2 Later at Paphos (w. Cyprus). P discerned Elymas was tool of devil and hindering work so called down blindness. 13:4-10
3. Disciples, 13:52. Antioch in P. Opposition, 45.

Note: Underlying purpose was sal. 2:41; 5:14; 6:7; Stephen came Paul; Paul-Serguis Paulus. Not every indiv involved, but always group saw souls saved.

II. Prerequisites for filling. Get impression from Acts that much of this sovereign work of God. Yet clues as to what kind of people God fills. A. Available. 1:4, 12:4, 24. Lord (no "thou art God) = Despot = <sup>(Dom bit)</sup> ruler with <sup>(benevolent)</sup> absolute power.

B. Maturity. C. Activity. No opposition if sit Filling and evangelism inseparable. How filled?