

WORK OF HS IN ACTS

Intro. Often call Acts of HS. Correct bec of 1:8.
 Acts of risen X thru His vicar. What are these acts?
 Everything in book, but specifically what is ascribed
 to HS? And can we expect same things today?

- I. He baptizes. 1:5; 11:15-16. *Forming Church*
- A. Promise, 1:5. First in book.
- B. Fulfillment, 2 (acc. to 11:15-16).
- C. Evidence. Sound like wind (not wind that filled room, but sound). Tongues like fire--one on head of each. Spoken tongues.
- D. Accomplishment. Have to go to 1 Cor. 12:13. Aorist shows us happens only once for each believer. Affects all who believe. Bap or associates us in body. It is work of HS which forms the body. Does so today.

- II. He gives evidence (proof) of new birth. *Assuring*
 2:38; 5:32; 8:15; 10:44; 15:8; Rom. 8:9.
 Gift of HS was proof of new birth.

- .A. How? Undoubtedly thru tongues.
 But tongues were to enable them to magnify God and His works in every language, 2:11; 10:46.
 Also every other work of HS like leading, opening Scriptures, etc. Today, hating sin, love of brethren as in Acts 2:43ff.

III. He fills. *Filling*

IV. He Leads. *Leading*

- V. He Opens the Scriptures. *Feeding (Teaching)*
 At beg. of book gave understanding to Peter of Psa 69:25. Acts 1:16.
 At end of book gave Paul understanding of Isa 6:19-10
 Will still do today, Jn 16:13.

- VI. He Governs the church *Governing*
- A. By leading individuals.
- B. By comforting, 9:31, paraklesis, exhortation.
- C. By giving wisdom, 15:28.
- D. By ordaining leaders, 20:28.

Concl.

Works same today. Baptizes, 1 Cor 12:13.
Gives evidence, Rom 8:16
Fills, Eph. 5:18
Leads, Rom. 8:14
Opens Script. Jn 16:13
Governs, 1 Cor 12--gifts of HS

Not only same HS but same works today. Power,
program, preaching same. Must be people who are
different. If have cold, dr. says drink lots,
take aspirin, if give antibiotic you*ll take
that and skip water. Don't skip power that God
has made available..

APOSTOLIC SPIRIT FILLING

(Filling of HS in Acts)

Intro. As would suspect one of most imp't works of HS in Acts is filling. At least 9 occasions to it.

I. The Repetition of it.

Def - Eph 5:18 - Control.

A. Proof, No. of references.

B. Distinction. Baptism not repeated. Stated only at Pentecost and Cornelius but occurred anytime someone saved. Tho know this from Cor. not Acts. But not repeated on same group as filling was, cf. 2:42 and 4:32.

C. Correlation. Same as taught in Eph. 5:18 with pres. impv. It is commanded. To disobey is sin.

II. The Results of it.

A. It gives boldness for witnessing.

1. Pentecost. So glorify tongues we forget to inquire as to what the tongues spoke. 2:4 filled and 2:11 to witness to wonderful works of God. Tongues that don't not Pentctal.
2. 1st persecution. By Sad. bec of res. August gathering, 4:5-6. 92 word message. Commanded not to speak in Jesus' name. Went back to own group. Acknowledged God's Person (despot, 24), power (creator), plan, then asked not for deliverance nor wisdom but boldness to do what they had been told not to do. Prayer answered.

B. It qualifies for leadership, 6:3-8.

Reason, 1-2. Requirements, 3 (men, bel, reputable, spiritual, wise). Result, 4-8.

C. It strengthens in times of stress.

1. Stephen at end of Xn life, 7:55. Bec he was filled with HS he could recognize X sustaining him. We don't see help God gives bec. not filled.
2. Paul at beg. of Xn life, 9:17. Resulted in physical sight and strength to testify.

D. It gives discernment.

1. Barnabas, 11:23-4. V 24 not reason for choosin Bar but reason why he rejoiced when saw ~~Greek people~~ people in Antioch truly saved. Discernment to see God had worked even tho apostles hadn't done it themselves, cf 8:1.

2. Paul with Elymas the sorcerer in Paphos, 13:9. Called down blindness.
- E. It causes joy in midst of trying circumstances, 13:52. Antioch in Pisidia.

III. The Requirements for it.

1. No example of praying for filling.
Only prayer was for boldness.
2. Certainly no pleading for it.
3. No tarrying for it. Tarrying was for fulfillment of X's promise re baptism, 1:5
4. Only requirement is yieldness, 4:23.
Means no unconfessed sin and conscious desire to do will of God.

IV. The Ramification of it.

In every instance souls were saved.
2:4, 4:8, 32; 6 and Stephen's preaching;
Out of Stephen's death came Paul; Paul led many incld Sergius Paulus on Cyprus; Barnabas saw many added; church at Antioch in Pisidia.

Concl. Don't tarry or seek some unusual prescription.
Just yield to Lord and He will automatically fill.

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