

Witnessing to the Lost

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.”

I. Let's accept our DNA — witnesses to Jesus

Acts 1:7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority... But....

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“In the last days I dared to undertake such a holy and wonderful work—thus imitating somehow those who, as the Lord once foretold, would preach his Gospel for a testimony to all nations before the end of the world. So we have seen it, and so it has been fulfilled: indeed, we are witnesses that the Gospel has been preached unto those parts beyond which there lives nobody.”

— **Patrick**, the missionary to Ireland

The Confession of St. Patrick. Translated Ludwig Bieler,
The Works of St. Patrick (Ancient Christian Writers, no.17;
Westminster, Maryland: The Newman Press/London:
Longmans, Green and Co., 1953).

Luke 24:46-48 and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, **47** and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. **48** You are witnesses of these things.

II. Let's yield to our power — the Holy Spirit in us

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.”

Eph. 3:16 **I pray...** that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

2 Tim. 1:7 for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.