



ACTS...NOW IT'S OUR TIME – PART 6

Acts 10-12
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But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and you will tell people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

Acts 10

(v. 44) Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the message.

(v. 45) The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out upon the Gentiles, too.

(v. 46) And there could be no doubt about it, for they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

(v. 47) Then Peter asked, "Can anyone object to their being baptized, now that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?"

(v. 48) So he gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterward Cornelius asked him to stay with them for several days.

Acts 11

(v. 19) Meanwhile, the believers who had fled from Jerusalem during the persecution after Stephen's death traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch of Syria. They preached the Good News, but only to the Jews.

(v. 20) However, some of the believers who went to Antioch from Cyprus and Cyrene began preaching to the Gentiles about the Lord Jesus.

(v. 21) The power of the Lord was upon them, and large numbers of these Gentiles believed and turned to the Lord.

(v. 22) When the church at Jerusalem heard what had happened, they sent Barnabus to Antioch.

(v. 23) When he arrived and saw this proof of God's favor, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord.

(v. 24) Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and strong in faith. And large numbers of people were brought to the Lord.

(v. 25) Then Barnabas went on to Tarsus to find Saul.

(v. 26) When he found him, he brought him back to Antioch. Both of them stayed there with the church for a full year, teaching great numbers of people. It was there at Antioch that the believers were first called Christians.

Acts 12

(v. 1) About that time King Herod Agrippa began to **persecute** some believers in the church.

(v. 2) He had the apostle James killed with a sword.

(v. 3) When Herod saw how much this pleased the Jewish leaders, he arrested Peter during the Passover celebration...

(v. 4) ...and he imprisoned him, placing him under the guard of **four squads** of four soldiers each.

(v. 24) But God's Good News was spreading rapidly, and there were many new believers.

Observation #1. God is at work in the chaos.

- How can we trust that God is good in our difficult days? **Look at the cross.**

And we know that for those who love God, all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

2 Corinthians 5

(v. 1) For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down – when we die and leave these bodies – we will have a home in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God Himself and not by human hands.

(v. 2) We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long for the day when we will put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing.

(v. 3) For we will not be spirits without bodies, but we will put on new heavenly bodies.

(v. 4) Our dying bodies make us groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and have no bodies at all. We want to slip into our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by everlasting life.

(v. 5) God Himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee He has given us His Holy Spirit.

Observation #2. The mission of God cannot be stopped regardless of the opposition.