



Acts: *To the Ends of the Earth*

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Introduction

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- 1. Some people were scared off**
- 2. But the church grew more than ever**
- 3. And God made his church a powerful and compelling witness**

- ❖ Psalm 115:3—*Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases*
- ❖ Daniel 4:35—*all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?"*
- ❖ Acts 19:11-12—*And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, 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.*

How God makes the Church today a powerful and compelling witness

(1) Through our love for one another

- ❖ John 13:35—*By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

(2) Through our lives

- ❖ Matthew 5:16—*In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*
- ❖ Titus 3:1—*ready for every good work*
- ❖ Galatians 5:22—*love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control*
- ❖ Galatians 2:20—*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

(3) Through our proclamation of the gospel

- ❖ Romans 1:16—*the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek*
- ❖ Romans 10:14-15—*How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"*



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- ❖ 2 Corinthians 5:20—*We are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.*
- ❖ Romans 3:10-12—*None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.*
- ❖ Romans 5:8—*but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*
- ❖ 2 Corinthians 5:21—*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*