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Unit III: The Birth of the Church:

has five lessons from the book of Acts. Lesson 9 highlights JESUS CHRIST'S instructions to the disciples for them to wait for the empowering of the Holy Spirit before doing their witnessing. Lesson 10 deals with the celebration of Pentecost, when the disciples were empowered to speak in tongues. Lesson 11 deals with Peter and John healing of the lame man through the power of the Holy Spirit. Lesson 12 spotlights the Holy Spirit, who brought Phillip to the Ethiopian eunuch chariot, where Phillip explained the scriptures. Lesson 13 concludes the unit, where JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF directed Ananias to minister to his enemy, Saul, a newly convert.

Subject: Fear and Trust

Text: Acts 2: 1-8, 14-24, 37-39

Key Verse:

The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our GOD shall call (Acts 2: 39, KJV).

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) The Holy Spirit arrives (Acts 2: 1-8)
- 2) The Holy Spirit Poured out (Acts 2: 14-24)
- 3) The Gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2: 37-39)

Introduction

Before the Day of Pentecost and the arrival of the Holy Spirit, the Jews and JESUS CHRIST'S disciples, believed that the Messiah's (JESUS CHRIST) coming was only for the nation of Israel. Is it not, the same with today's believers of JESUS CHRIST that think and believes that JESUS CHRIST is only for their Church community only. You see, this way of thinking only separates other Church communities or religious affiliations, and causes hostility towards those that are not part of their Church community or religious affiliations. Thank GOD for the manifestation of the Holy Spirit and for the Holy Spirit filling every believer in the Upper Room, that changed that perspective. Peter being empowered by the Holy Spirit proclaimed that the gift of the Holy Spirit is GOD'S promise to everyone who turns to the LORD JESUS CHRIST. So, when every believer receives the Holy Spirit their thinking changes and they now understand that the gift of the Holy Spirit is for all who believes in the LORD JESUS CHRIST. One can only receive this change of mind by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit's guidance and help believers in JESUS CHRIST can live out the great commandment of JESUS CHRIST, that we Love the LORD our GOD with all thy heart, all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt Love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets (Matthew 22: 37-40). Now, as believers understand that we fear and trust the LORD our GOD because of the filling of the Holy Spirit in our lives, and we only want to be pleasing unto the LORD our GOD through the present and empowering of the Holy Spirit.

Lesson Pointer # 1

- The Holy Spirit arrives (Acts 2: 1-8)

Now, The disciples of JESUS CHRIST obeyed HIS command and waited in Jerusalem until the promise of the Holy Spirit was fulfilled (Read Acts 1: 4). But, when the days of waiting was over, the Holy Spirit arrived, this was on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2: 1). The word Pentecost means “fiftieth” and refers to Feast of Weeks or Harvest, this was one of the three annual feasts that the Israelites was required to celebrate. Bring an offering of their first fruits was made on this day, representing the Holy Spirit arrival on this day as the first fruits of all believers to come after them. The Holy Spirit was recognized (seen) and heard. The disciples was all gathered in one place, and they heard a sound that of like a mighty rushing wind where they were sitting (Acts 2: 2). The disciples saw cloven tongues like a fire, sat upon each of them (Acts 2: 3). And each disciple was filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Holy Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2: 4). Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, of every nation under heaven (Acts 2: 5). This was noised by all, and the multitude came together, and was confounded, that they heard every man speak in his own language (Acts 2: 6). They were amazed, saying are not all these which speak Galileans (Acts 2: 7)? So, how is it that we hear every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born (Acts 2: 8)?

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Lesson Pointer # 2

- The Holy Spirit poured out (Acts 2: 14-24)

Noising all that happen some mocked these believers as being drunk on new wine. But Peter stands up and boldly with the eleven other apostles and get the attention of the crowd (Acts 2:14). Saying that these are not drunken, as you suppose, but it is the third hour of the day (Acts 2: 15). But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel; that it shall come to pass in the last days, said GOD, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see vision, and your old men shall dream dreams: and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days my Spirit; and they shall prophesy; And GOD would show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the LORD come (Acts 2: 16-20). Peter proclaims that all who turn to JESUS CHRIST for salvation will be saved (Acts 2: 21). Peter now states that JESUS CHRIST is the Messiah and that GOD validated HIM (JESUS CHRIST) as the Messiah through the supernatural works and miracles many of them had seen and heard about (Acts 2: 22). Peter give the proof that he offers is the Resurrection of JESUS CHRIST (Acts 2: 23-24).

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Lesson Pointer # 3

- The Gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2: 37-39)

They were pricked in their heart, and asked what shall we do (Acts 2: 37)? Peter said to Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of JESUS CHRIST for the remission of sins, and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2: 38). The promise is for you and your children, and to all that are afar off, and as many as the LORD our GOD shall call (Acts 2: 39).