

A Faith That Succeeds

Acts 1:1-14

Introduction

The Book of Acts describes the formation of the church. It also tells us how the Holy Spirit worked in and through the church in its early days. The Gospel of Luke tells us what Jesus did and taught when he began his earthly ministry, but the Book of Acts tells us what Jesus continues to do and teach by the Holy Spirit through his spiritual body, the church.

1. In Acts Chapter 1, the followers of Jesus take care of some unfinished business while preparing for the Feast of _____.
2. What they said and did gives us a view of their faith in _____.

I. They Believed in the Resurrection

3. The first thing to note as you read this Chapter is how linked the success of the early church is to their faith in the _____ Christ.
4. After His resurrection, Jesus remained in direct contact with the disciples for _____ days, teaching and explaining and ministering to them.
5. The 40 days was an excellent period of preparation for the _____.
6. The disciples were awed by the words of the angel at the ascension of Christ, who said, "this same _____, which you have seen go into heaven, will come back in the same way!"

7. Our _____ relies upon the undeniable, eyewitness reports of those early followers.
8. To strengthen their faith, Jesus gave the disciples many infallible and convincing _____.
9. Faith in the resurrection of Jesus was critically important to the early church. Their witness and spiritual power _____ upon it.
10. By their words, their walk, and their mighty works, the believers told their world that Jesus was _____.
11. The disciples believed in the _____ of the Holy Spirit.
12. For the authentic believer, the power of the Holy Spirit is not a luxury; it is an absolute _____.
13. A witness is someone who tells what they have _____ or heard. Our English word "martyr" comes from the Greek word translated "witness."
14. The early believers clung to the assurance of Jesus' _____.
15. The _____ was a vital part of Christ's ministry.
16. Once He returned to heaven, Jesus would _____ for us as our High Priest.
17. The Holy Spirit came just as Jesus promised and is here today to _____ and equip us to overcome in any kind of situation.
18. Our faith is deeply rooted in the fact and truth of the _____ of Jesus Christ from the dead.

19. The resurrection is the basis of our common faith and future _____.

II. They Believed in Each Other

20. The disciples obeyed the Lord's command and returned to Jerusalem "with great _____."

21. The Holy Spirit unified the disciples in _____.

22. The center of their fellowship was the risen Christ. And they came together to _____ and adore and magnify their risen savior.

23. To be a victorious Christian, we must have faith in Jesus, but we must also have _____ in one another.

24. The church's success depended upon the _____ of the disciples to each other.

25. The future of the church would require sticking together and working together and _____ together.

26. And as they waited and worshipped together, the Holy Spirit _____ them for the work that lay before them.

III. They Believed in Prayer

27. _____ played a significant role in the life of the early church.

28. Throughout the book of Acts, in almost every chapter, you find someone _____.

29. John Bunyan, the author of Pilgrim's Progress, wrote, "Prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge to _____."

Conclusion

30. The early believers were not without Christ's instruction and _____.

31. Their assurance came from the dynamic presence of the _____ that overshadowed them each day.

32. When you accept Jesus Christ, you receive _____ life!

33. Put your faith in the Risen Lord, and He will see to it that you experience an abundance of _____ and the hope of eternal life.

A small group of 120 believers turned their world upside down because they believed this. What was their secret? They relied upon the assurance of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Can it be done again today? Can fear be turned to faith? Absolutely!

Answers:

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| 1. Pentecost | 13. Seen | 25. Praying |
| 2. Action | 14. Resurrection | 26. Prepared |
| 3. Risen | 15. Ascension | 27. Prayer |
| 4. 40 | 16. Intercede | 28. Praying |
| 5. Church | 17. Encourage | 29. Satan |
| 6. Jesus | 18. Resurrection | 30. Guidance |
| 7. Faith | 19. Hope | 31. Holy Spirit |
| 8. Proofs | 20. Joy | 32. Eternal |
| 9. Depended | 21. Faith | 33. Faith |
| 10. Alive | 22. Worship | |
| 11. Power | 23. Confidence | |
| 12. Necessity | 24. Commitment | |