

# Doing God's Work God's Way with God's Power

Acts 1 & 2

The Disciples must have felt left alone and intimidated by what Christ had told them to do - completely without resources.  
i.e. Witness to the entire world

Explaining  
the Kingdom

Jesus gives 3 ~~promises~~ Instructions.

1. (v. 3) Grace - God was no longer distant. He had come down to earth in the person of Christ spent 3 yrs. with them, suffered & died for them rising from the dead & conquered death. In Christ we are acceptable to God, not only that - we can relate to Him personally through Christ. It is essential to know God personally - & to understand Grace before we can ever function for Him - we are accepted by God unconditionally, we are secure in our POSITION - eternally forgiven & loved with unlimited unchanging LOVE ∴ we witness

2. (v. 8) You shall receive POWER - to enable you to be WITNESSES for Christ. This is that "resurrection" Power we were studying last week - the power of our  risen Lord.

The disciples asked if this was the time that ~~they~~ <sup>Christ</sup> would "restore the Kingdom to Israel" - They were thinking in terms of a program - and times - & schedules. But Jesus said that's not for you to know times, schedules & programs are all in the Father's hands - He's the Authority.

It is a very good idea to have a  
lawyer review the contract before  
you sign it.

The contract is a legal document  
that binds the parties to the  
terms of the agreement. It is  
important to read the contract  
carefully before signing it.

There are several things to look  
for in a contract. First, make  
sure you understand all the  
terms and conditions. If you  
do not, ask for clarification.

Second, make sure the contract  
is fair and reasonable. If you  
feel that the terms are  
unfair, you should not sign it.

Third, make sure the contract  
is enforceable. If the contract  
is not enforceable, it is  
worthless.

Finally, make sure you are  
signing the contract voluntarily.  
If you are being forced to  
sign, the contract is not  
enforceable.

It is always a good idea to  
consult with a lawyer before  
signing a contract. A lawyer  
can help you understand the  
contract and protect your  
interests.

②. Your job is to manifest <sup>my</sup> POWER - the Father will take care of the program.  
How to <sup>come up</sup> manifest Christ's resurrection POWER?

By WITNESSING - This POWER results in witnessing - not like salesman going out to peddle a product. But rather as you experience Christ's resurrection Power you will share Christ - you will talk about Christ because you are experiencing His resurrection POWER & it is so natural to talk about Him because He is ~~the~~ One your Lord & you know Him Personally.

So WITNESSING is not selling a program or working for an institution - WITNESSING is sharing a Person - the Personal Lord who has redeemed you & is within you and whose Power you experience.

It is by means of the Holy Spirit that Jesus makes His Life ~~available~~ available to each of us in order that we can experience His power and can ~~be~~ witness.

In Acts here is where the church was born - the H.S. visually descended & these men & women were transformed. All of them were filled with the H.S. & witnessed, but Peter is the one God chose to use in an extraordinary way on Pentecost - this man who had such a history of failures up to now

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was the POWER of POWER & witness

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In (Acts 2:5-42) Peter stands up & preaches Christ & Him Crucified - Peter is a monument to the Transforming POWER of the H.S. - without notes, without commentaries, with no seminary training Peter stands up & preaches one of the most powerful sermons ever preached.

Peter had <sup>truly</sup> become convinced that in his own strength he could not do anything right for His Lord - he'd certainly tried enough times in his own strength, and promised he'd do it & then failed monumentally.

His last & greatest failure was the night Jesus was arrested. After promising to stick with Jesus to the end, Peter not only ran away but denied His Lord 3 times, with curseing. However, Peter understood that he was forgiven.

But here Peter is 50 days later - filled with POWER - as (II Pet. 1:3) says "God's divine Power has granted to us everything pertaining to life & godliness."

Peter took the opportunity this day to

1. answer their questions about what the H.S. was doing
2. He seized this opening
3. Declared all the truth about Jesus
4. Then he applied the truth to the listening people

The heart of his message was the life & death & resurrection of Jesus. His zenith: "God has made Him both Lord & Christ - This Jesus whom you Crucified." What courage Peter had!



④ These same streets <sup>had</sup> echoed to the cries of "crucify Him" a few weeks before - while Peter ran & hid.

But this day Peter stands 10 ft. tall challenging the whole city - sanhedrin, Pilate & all the people.

What POWER we have in Christ.

The result? The people were "pierced to the heart" by the H.S.'s convicting power.

"What shall we do?"

v.38) "Repent for the forgiveness of your sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

With many other words he solemnly exhorted them saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." And 3000 people did repent & were saved.

Note the tremendous impact God's truth has when it is spoken with God's Power.  
What about the rest of the disciples

