

Acts # 4 “Congratulations, It’s A Church” Acts 1:1-8

The purpose of doing was to get a hearing; so the great thing is the message, not the miracles!

The miracles will alleviate suffering for a few moments but it’s the teaching of Jesus Christ that results in eternal life which has the greatest repercussion as far as man is concerned.

But two instructions were more important than all of the others put together and these are the two, God the Holy Spirit led Luke to discuss in Acts.

The first is found in vs. 5 regarding the baptism of the Spirit and it’s vitally important that every believer understands this doctrine because this is how the Church is made; this is when the Church was born and this is the key to positional sanctification.

The selection of the twelfth apostle to replace Judas is the prerogative of God’s sovereignty and not the privilege of any believer’s election.

All the elections in the world are not going to make an apostle out of Matthias; Paul, not Matthias is the twelfth apostle.

An election cannot give Matthias the gift of apostleship any more than calling a pastor can make that person a pastor.

The Church Age is a brilliant advance in biblical history in the progress of God’s revealing of the dispensations.

As magnificent as God’s priest-client nation was, when the Age of Israel ended with the Advent of Jesus Christ, a far greater thing had come to pass.

Following this unparalleled revelation of God, the Church arrived on the scene as an amazing expression of God’s power and grace.

The Church is a breathtaking phenomenon as never before has the believer held such a position in relation to the Godhead.

The Church Age began in A.D. 30 on the Day of Pentecost, ten days after our Lord’s ascension and it will terminate with the resurrection or Rapture of the Church.

The Church Age has the greatest privileges for the individual believer in Jesus Christ and it offers the greatest challenge to them in all of human history.

The Church Age believer’s unique status, power system, privileges and responsibilities will answer the question: “After salvation, what do I do now?”

The Dispensation of the Church is the era of the royal family of God where every believer belongs to the King of king’s royal family, founded as a consequence of His strategic victory at the cross and His rejection by Israel.

The plan of God for the Church Age brings to a majestic culmination the honors presented to the victorious Christ.

When Jesus Christ ascended in triumph to Heaven, God the Father invested Him with the glories of battlefield royalty and seated Him at the right hand of the throne of God; Psalm 110:1 **“The Lord says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool**

for Your feet.”

Then the Father inaugurated the Church Age to establish a royal family for the glorified Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ during the Church Age is a member of the royal family of God, also known as the Body of Christ or the Church Universal; Gal 3:28.