

Acts # 10

“Fasten Your Seatbelts, Prepare for the Ascension”

Acts 1:8-11

We can't be effective for God if we're not operating in the power of the Holy Spirit and every time we try, we don't just water down the message, we virtually destroy the possibility of others receiving it through us.

If Jesus says it's vital to these men, it's also vital to us.

The promise of the Father is regarding the Holy Spirit's arrival being a reality not a ritual representation of a reality; John baptized with water speaks of a ritual depicting a shadow picture of a reality but the actual reality will be the Holy Spirit coming to earth to live inside all Church Age believers.

And there's no sign, no feeling, no emotional experience attached to the baptism of the Holy Spirit; it happens just like Jesus said it would, when anyone believes in Him.

It's the only way the resurrection life of Jesus becomes available to us and it's all made possible by the *Great I am.*

This means you are a VIP, Jesus Christ's favorite because you can have God's undivided attention any and all times; you have a security clearance to access Heaven right now and that's even better than Most-Favored Nation status on earth.

Jesus is not going to let His disciples know of the timing or intimate details of God's program but He'll give anyone who follows Him, God's resurrection power!

Resurrection power is a different type of power; not visible or spectacular, it's a quiet power unlike most man-made machinery.

But although resurrection power is quiet, it's enchanting and extremely desirable and by the way, resurrection power cannot be overthrown or stopped by anything or anyone at any time!

Resurrection power was born in a cemetery among the lifeless, proving that it needs no help from any of us.

And yet, this power changes man's destiny in a split second from Hell to Heaven, from spiritual death to spiritual life, from darkness to light, from hopelessness to absolute confident hopeful expectation in the One who calmed the sea and raised the dead!

So, who makes the best witness? The one who knows his subject most intimately and deeply.

We who have been saved received 40 gifts at the moment of our salvation which were accomplished by God in eternity past for us.

Once we are believers in Jesus Christ, we are under the emphasis of God's grace and being recipients of His grace should cause us to devote our lives to learning about the mind of the One who saved us, so that we will avoid trying to help God and learn quickly to relax in the fact that God helps those who don't help themselves.

Either we are supported and sustained by the ministry of the Holy Spirit or otherwise we remain unstable.

It's every child's prerogative to realize that the Christian life is an exciting, stimulating experience when the very character of the wonderful Person of the Lord Jesus Christ is produced in a believer's life who's

filled with the Holy Spirit and learning and applying biblical truth.

It's not for Jesus' disciples to know when the physical Kingdom is coming, so He says: 'Guys, get your minds off the Kingdom coming right now with things changing the way you want them to.'

Instead, there's going to be a parenthesis age when you won't have the actual Kingdom but you will have the power of the Kingdom at your disposal via the Holy Spirit.

Upon His arrival, the Father greeted our Lord and said, "Sit down at My right hand" but deity does not sit; only Jesus Christ's humanity sat down.

This indicated the acceptance of the humanity of Christ and it guarantees the acceptability of born-again mankind!

The seating or session of Jesus Christ declared Him superior to all angels, elect or fallen and today believers are positionally higher than angels but it doesn't end there because in the resurrection, believers will be experientially superior to angels.

This is why God gives every believer at least one angelic servant and to some, many more as a down-payment that we will one day be superior to them.

Jesus Christ had to be glorified at the right hand of the Father before His priestly ministry on our behalf could begin.

The ascension and session of Jesus Christ began a new phase in the pre-historic angelic dispute, so the Church Age believer is now involved in the intensified stage of the conflict.

The fact that the humanity of Jesus Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father, except for the Rapture of the Church and His permanent move at the Second Advent, means He has made the most fantastic system of power available to us.

Objective thinking about the *things above* includes knowledge of our invisible bank account, understanding the plan of God in detail, concerning those things related to the Church Age, especially God's grace solutions.

The Royal family's successful mental attitude is to think biblical truth, not human good and evil; therefore, we should have a very strong positive mental attitude, no matter what our circumstances or pressures.