



Full of Faith and the Holy Spirit



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Powered by the Spirit of God

⁴⁰ They [y]took his advice; and after calling the apostles in, they **flogged them** and **ordered them not to [z]speak in the name of Jesus**, and *then* released them.

⁴¹ So they went on their way from the presence of the [aa]Council, **rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for *His* name.** ⁴² And every day, in the temple and [ab]from house to house, **they [ac]kept right on teaching and [ad]preaching Jesus *as* the [ae]Christ.**



Acts 6:1-4 – Growing Pains

Now [a]at this time while the disciples were increasing *in number*, a complaint arose on the part of the [b]**Hellenistic *Jews* against the *native* Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving *of food*.** ² So the twelve summoned the [c]congregation of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables. ³ Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of **good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom**, whom we may put in charge of this task. ⁴ **But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the [d]ministry of the word.**”



The First Church Committee

⁵ The statement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose **Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit**, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch. ⁶ And these they brought before the apostles; and after praying, they laid their hands on them.

⁷ The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples **continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem**, and a **great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith**.



Qualities of Leadership

- Good reputation – root is “martyr” – what does it mean here?
 - We have seen and experienced the fact that these are good men
- Full of Wisdom – what is wisdom?
 - Using Knowledge in the way that is best and right
- Full of the Holy Spirit – How can you tell if someone is full of the Holy Spirit?



The Fruit of the Spirit

- Fruits of the Flesh (Galatians 5:19-21): immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, [i]factions, ²¹ envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these
- Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23): But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control
- No mention of how well you know the Bible or how much you tithe or how often you go to church or how boldly you proclaim your faith.
- How much of Jesus do people see in you?



The Promise – The Mission – Acts 1:8

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Power Encounters

The Holy Spirit will give
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miraculous results!!!!



Outrageously Amazing Message!!

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY