



Proclamation and the Holy Spirit

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Acts 2:22-24

"Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him."

Acts 2:32-33

"God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear."

Acts 2:36-41

"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." ³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day."

Lesson #1: The Holy Spirit encourages and emboldens

- He gives courage and boldness that overwhelms fear and timidity

"Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the assessment that something else is more important than fear."— Franklin D. Roosevelt

- He gives compassion that overwhelms unwillingness and indifference

Mark 6:34

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

Lesson #2: The Holy Spirit equips and directs

John 14:26

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- He gives capabilities that overcome inadequacies and preferences

Lesson #3: The Holy Spirit instructs and convicts

- He affirms the truths of scripture, brings ultimate conviction of sin and the recognition of faith in Jesus Christ as the only means of salvation

What do we do?

- Acknowledge our uneasiness, inaction and/or inadequacies
- Pray for the Holy Spirit's provision
- Prepare expectantly for opportunities
- Proclaim the Gospel faithfully, joyfully, and respectfully

1 Peter 3:15

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,"

- Trust the Holy Spirit to do His work in His time