

# Everything Changes

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**Mingle Question:** What was a moment in your life when everything changed?

## Tell my story of meeting Maris Colgan Haster the Third...

In early 2004 I remember the moment my eyes spotted her...sitting at the table in the middle of Bluestem Bistro right down there in Aggieville...sitting with a friend of mine. Little did I know that that brief encounter with Maris Colgan Haster the Third would eventually lead to everything about my life as it is today!

What was a moment in your life when everything changed?

Everything changed in a moment on 9/11...

- **Tell my 9/11 story:** I was praying in Danforth chapel fairly early in the morning when I woman rushed to the front of the chapel crying hysterically...

Personal moments

- We've probably heard the stories about the mom who loses her son in a drunk driving accident and then makes it her life mission to combat drunk driving.
- The positive and negative moments that change everything can move us into a better or a worse place depending on how we respond.

We have ways to acknowledge and commemorate these life-changing people and moments.

- I put a ring on her finger. **PHOTO**
- We had an engagement party...kinda.
- We had a wedding celebration.
- We celebrate our wedding anniversary.
- We have all sorts of ways we acknowledge and commemorate that life changing moment when our eyes first met at Bluestem Bistro that lovely day early in 2004.
- Most of our life is lived in the daily grind, the mundane, but even that is decidedly marked by the moment she met me...and everything changed.
- The further removed we are from that momentous occasion the more the emotions ebb and flow. In fact, we have to remind ourselves, at times, of the vows we took and our commitment to one another as those feel-good emotions ebb and flow.
- We've driven stakes in the ground over the years to solidify the life-changing results we desire from our relationship with one another. And we will continue to drive those stakes into the ground for better or for worse...until death do us part.

It wasn't actually the moment that changed my life. It was the person and my relationship with that person that changed everything. Meeting Maris changed my life dramatically.

And yet meeting Jesus of Nazareth has changed everything even more than meeting my wife, even if I don't always feel it.

**the acts of Jesus continued...**

## Review

- The book of Acts is all about the acts that Jesus began to do in the Gospel of Luke continuing through the early church.
- First teaching—Introduction
- Second teaching—Next Man Up
- Third teaching—Earth, Wind, and Fire
- Today, fourth teaching—Everything Changes
- Now listen in to the rest of Peter’s second speech that Dave preached on last week from Acts 2.

## Read Acts 2:22-24

## PRAY!!!

## Jesus of Nazareth

- This proclamation is about the real man, Jesus, from Nazareth, a backwoods town of 400 folks or so.
- Backwoods Jesus; Redneck Jesus
- **John 1:46** Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”
- Remember we’re talking about the Upside-Down Kingdom of God here!?

## 1<sup>st</sup> Importance

- 1 Corinthians 15:3-7 is the earliest Christian creed we know of, dating to within a few years of Jesus’ death.
- **1 Corinthians 15:3-5a** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:
  - 1) that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,
  - 2) that he was buried,
  - 3) that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared...
    - <sup>5b</sup>...to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.
- The gospel on your two hands, 10 fingers, 10 words, “Christ died for your sins. Christ rose from the dead.”

## Quoting Psalm 16:8-11—Read Acts 2:25-28

- **Luke 24:44-45** <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures...”
- Jesus Himself taught Peter how to interpret the Psalms. The Psalms are about Jesus!
- We learn about Peter’s preaching style. He read the Scriptures and then he gave commentary about what he read so that the people could respond to Jesus.

## Preaching on Psalm 16:8-11—Read Acts 2:29-33

## Quoting Psalm 110:1—Read Acts 2:34-35

- Most frequently quoted or referenced Psalm in the New Testament

## Preaching on Psalm 110:1—Read Acts 2:36

- **Colossians 2:14b-15** <sup>14b</sup> This (*our record of debt*) he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.
- This is all about a battle for the souls of men and women, boys and girls!!!
- Lord and Christ, King and Messiah
- “This Jesus whom YOU crucified.” Who is Peter’s audience here?
- **Acts 2:14** But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.”

## Amazing Response—Read Acts 2:37

### What is our scary step of faith?

#### Cut to the Heart

- This is an amazing response! There were cut to the heart. Peter’s speech made a dramatic impact on them.
- “Tell me what to do to make things right!”
- When it dawns on you... A lightbulb goes off. This changes EVERYTHING!
- But how is the blood of Jesus on *OUR* hands?
- Do you feel or sense your guilt before Almighty God?
  - Sinning against God.
  - Vs. 37—What do you do when you are caught in guilt?
  - What do you do with your guilt before God?
    - Deflect? Blame shift? Go into heavy shame?
- What we do has consequences, even if our intentions are good? We do plenty of intentional sinning but...
- The Old Testament Law even has provision for UNINTENTIONAL SIN. Think about that. The reality is, your actions have consequences...even if your intentions aren’t necessarily that bad.
  - Numbers 15; Leviticus 4
  - **Hebrews 9:7** ...but into the second (*section of the ark of the covenant*) only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people.
  - **Psalm 19:12** Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.
  - Even without a guilty conscience, the guilt remained, until blood was shed.
- When have you had that punch in the gut that something you’ve done has dire consequences?
  - **Driving over a kid story:** During my sophomore year in high school I left cross country practice at Sumner Academy High School and was driving home. I had recently gotten my driver’s license. I was turning right when I felt a little bump. In my rearview mirror I saw a child slumped in the middle of the street. My stomach dropped. I was cut to the heart.
- That’s what it should feel like when we realize the consequence for our sin. When what we’ve done and the consequences of our actions is realized it should cut us to the heart.
- The Romans Road
  - **Romans 3:23** ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...
  - **Romans 5:8** ...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
  - **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
  - **Romans 10:9-10** <sup>9</sup> ...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

## What shall we do?

- What's my next step? Just tell me what to do? How do I make things right? I'll do whatever it takes.
- One of our biggest challenges is that we aren't hit as hard emotionally by the News of Jesus that *changes everything*.
- This isn't about Peter's amazing preaching but the people's amazing response. Likewise, this, what we're doing here, isn't about my amazing preaching but your response.

## Read Acts 2:38-39

### Action Steps: Drive a stake in the ground!

- 1) Repent—Turn around!
- 2) Be baptized—Immersed into Christ! This is symbolized by being immersed into water.
  - Baptisms—AJ and Ella have responded as best they know how at this point in their lives.
  - Different types of baptism in the New Testament
  - Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit—This is automatic for all who are put into Jesus Christ.
- 3) EVERY ONE OF YOU!
  - For you, your children, and ALL!
  - Including everyone, excluding no one!
  - If you can hear my voice, whether you're here in person or online now or later, I assure you God is calling you to Himself. I promise you that God longs for relationship with you. And if you already have a relationship with God through Jesus then I promise you that God longs for deeper relationship with you.

## Read Acts 2:40

- Crooked generation—We don't have to float down the river of our culture. We need to save ourselves from our generation!
- **Philippians 2:14-15** <sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world...

## Summary—Read Acts 2:41

Drive a stake in the ground! Are you emotionally moved by the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Receive the Word—This is not passive but active. Engage with the Scriptures. Respond in some way. The spiritual battle was raging for the affections of men and women, boys and girls, back *then and there* and the spiritual battle continues to rage *here and now*.

**We need MOXIE! We need GRIT! We need RESILIENCY! We need STICK-TO-IT-IVENESS!!!**

## Drive a stake in the ground!

**1) Repent**—There have been different points of fresh commitment to Christ over these past 32 years.

- *My Utmost for His Highest* by Oswald Chambers
- *Abba's Child* by Brennan Manning
- Soul Care with Ken Goodyear
  - Driving stakes in the ground, taking back ground that the Enemy had stolen.
  - **2 Corinthians 10:3-5** <sup>3</sup>For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. <sup>5</sup>We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ...

**2) Be baptized**

- I met Jesus when I was seven years old and it changed everything... I drove a stake into the ground by being baptized. Did I understand as much about the Gospel then as I do now? Nope. But I responded in faith to what I did know at the time. I've often wondered if I didn't really come to faith in Jesus until I was a freshman at K-State when I understood my own sin better. But my mom tells me I was a changed little boy even at age seven. I have no reason to doubt that God had a hold of my life back then.

**3) Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**—Take a step to consciously walk in step with the Spirit

- Christmas break of my junior year and James 1:22
- Emily Marvine (now Engle) praying that I would love people
- Journaling during Music Theory 2 and decidedly committing to people over tasks. Tasks serve relationships.

**4) Save yourselves from this crooked generation**—Go against the grain of our culture in a way that honors Jesus.

- Emmanuel Household Seminary with Liam and Precious Atchison

**5) Were added to the church**—Make a commitment to this faith community

- Next Sunday we learn what the early church commitment to one another looked like.
- **Philippians 1:9** And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment...
- **1 Thessalonians 3:12a** ...and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all...

**What stake will you drive into the ground today as the acts of Jesus continue in your own life?**

**PRAY!**

**Q&R&Testimonies?!?!**

**FINISH BY 4:55pm!!!**

# The Chopping Block:

## Sermon Rehearsal Feedback:

- Start with my story about meeting Maris.
  - Tell the engagement story
- 9/11 connect is good
- Caesar Augustus proclamation doesn't work for Dave. Cut it!
- Speak to the fact that we had these baptisms after the intro.
- More context on Peter's speech early on.
- Different types of baptism—Put into the Name of Jesus.
- If you can hear my voice then God is calling you into relationship with Himself, I assure of that!
- Dave says to consider skipping the Psalms passages.
- Even this audience they needed the insight of the Scriptures to realize the impact of their actions.

## Notes:

- Gospel Proclamation regarding Caesar Augustus from a providence of Asia Minor (reigned from 27 BC – 14 AD)
  - "Whereas the Providence which has guided our whole existence and which has shown such care and liberality, has brought our life to the peak of perfection in giving to us Augustus Caesar, whom Providence filled with virtue for the welfare of mankind, and who, being sent to us and to our descendants as a savior, has put an end to war and has set all things in order; and whereas, having become visible... and whereas, finally that the birthday of the god, Caesar Augustus, *has been for the whole world the beginning of the gospel concerning him*, therefore, let all reckon a new era beginning from the date of his birth." —Richard A. Horsley, *Jesus and Empire*
- Peter
  - Peter is the Rock—Luke 9:18-20; Matthew 16:17-19
  - Peter was strengthening the brothers and sisters as Jesus prayed he would do in Luke 22.
  - Peter's second and third speeches, of 11 throughout Acts
- Difference between mighty works, wonders, and signs?
- Psalm 110
  - Verse 1 is quoted in Matthew 22:44; Mark 12:36; Luke 20:42,43; Acts 2:34-35; Hebrews 1:13. Compare: Matthew 26:64; Mark 14:62; 16:19; Luke 22:69; 1 Corinthians 15:25; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3; 8:1; 10:12,13; 12:2; 1 Peter 3:22
  - Verse 4 is quoted in Hebrews 5:6; 6:20; 7:17,21
  - **Luke 20:41-44** <sup>41</sup>But he said to them, "How can they say that the Christ is David's son? <sup>42</sup>For David himself says in the Book of Psalms, "'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, <sup>43</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.'" <sup>44</sup>David thus calls him Lord, so how is he his son?"
  - **Luke 22:63-71** <sup>63</sup>Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. <sup>64</sup>They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" <sup>65</sup>And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him. <sup>66</sup>When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, <sup>67</sup>"If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, <sup>68</sup>and if I ask you, you will not answer. <sup>69</sup>But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God." <sup>70</sup>So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am." <sup>71</sup>Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips."
- I wonder how many of the 3000 went the way of Judas? 1/12 x 3000 = 250
- Maris Haster III met a man and it changed her life...

- Maris Haster the Third met a man in 2004 and everything changed. She had recently gotten out of a relationship and wasn't looking for a man to change her life. She was pondering opening a coffee shop in Colorado but alas, she met a man...and it changed everything!
- That man was ME! Meeting me is a life-changer...well, at least for one woman.
- Maris has met other life-changing people for good or bad and faced other life-changing moments for good or bad.

### Passages:

**Psalm 16:8-11** <sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.  
<sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.  
<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.  
<sup>11</sup>You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**Psalm 110:1-7** The LORD says to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

<sup>2</sup>The LORD sends forth from Zion  
your mighty scepter.  
Rule in the midst of your enemies!

<sup>3</sup>Your people will offer themselves freely  
on the day of your power,  
in holy garments;  
from the womb of the morning,  
the dew of your youth will be yours.

<sup>4</sup>The LORD has sworn  
and will not change his mind,  
“You are a priest forever  
after the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>5</sup>The Lord is at your right hand;  
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

<sup>6</sup>He will execute judgment among the nations,  
filling them with corpses;  
he will shatter chiefs  
over the wide earth.

<sup>7</sup>He will drink from the brook by the way;  
therefore he will lift up his head.

**Acts 2:14-16** <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

### Acts 2:17-18

<sup>17</sup>“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams;  
<sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants  
 in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

**Acts 2:19-21** <sup>19</sup> And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
 and signs on the earth below,  
 blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;  
<sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness  
 and the moon to blood,  
 before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.  
<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

### The speeches in Acts:

- [http://faculty.gordon.edu/hu/bi/ted\\_hildebrandt/NTeSources/NTArticles/CTR-NT/Kistemaker-SpeechesActs-CTR.pdf](http://faculty.gordon.edu/hu/bi/ted_hildebrandt/NTeSources/NTArticles/CTR-NT/Kistemaker-SpeechesActs-CTR.pdf)

### Passages:

- **Acts 5:1-6** But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, <sup>2</sup>and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. <sup>3</sup>But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? <sup>4</sup>While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God." <sup>5</sup>When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it. <sup>6</sup>The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him.
- **Acts 5:7-11** <sup>7</sup>After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. <sup>8</sup>And Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." And she said, "Yes, for so much." <sup>9</sup>But Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." <sup>10</sup>Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. <sup>11</sup>And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.
- **Acts 5:12-16** <sup>12</sup>Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup>None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup>And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup>so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup>The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.
- **Acts 7:51-53** <sup>51</sup>"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

## Gospel

### Pre-Christian Uses of "Gospel"

- <https://glenandpaula.com/wordpress/archives/2010/02/25/pre-christian-uses-of-gospel>
- Homer, *The Odyssey* (8<sup>th</sup> Century BC)
- Xenophon (4<sup>th</sup> century BC)
- Isocrates, *Areopagiticus* (4<sup>th</sup> Century BC) section 10



- Aeschines (4<sup>th</sup> Century BC) Against Ctesiphon section 160
- Aristophanes (5<sup>th</sup> Century BC)
- Plutarch (1<sup>st</sup> Century AD)
- Josephus (1<sup>st</sup> Century AD)
- The Priene Inscription (9 BC)
- Cicero (1<sup>st</sup> Century BC)
- Diodorus Siculus (1<sup>st</sup> Century BC) – Library 15.74
- The Septuagint (LXX) (2<sup>nd</sup> Century BC) – 2 Samuel 4:10

## “Gospel” in the New Testament

### Matthew 4:23

[ *Jesus Ministers to Great Crowds* ] And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the **gospel** of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

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### Matthew 9:35

[ *The Harvest Is Plentiful, the Laborers Few* ] And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the **gospel** of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.

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### Matthew 24:14

And this **gospel** of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

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### Matthew 26:13

Truly, I say to you, wherever this **gospel** is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”

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### Mark 1:1

[ *John the Baptist Prepares the Way* ] The beginning of the **gospel** of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

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### Mark 1:14

[ *Jesus Begins His Ministry* ] Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the **gospel** of God,

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### Mark 1:15

and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the **gospel**.”

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### Mark 8:35

For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the **gospel**'s will save it.

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### Mark 10:29

Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the **gospel**,

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### Mark 13:10

And the **gospel** must first be proclaimed to all nations.

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### Mark 14:9

And truly, I say to you, wherever the **gospel** is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”

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### Mark 16:15

And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the **gospel** to the whole creation.

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#### **Luke 9:6**

And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the **gospel** and healing everywhere.

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#### **Luke 20:1**

[ *The Authority of Jesus Challenged* ] One day, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the **gospel**, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders came up

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#### **Acts 8:25**

Now when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the **gospel** to many villages of the Samaritans.

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#### **Acts 8:40**

But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the **gospel** to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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#### **Acts 14:7**

and there they continued to preach the **gospel**.

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#### **Acts 14:21**

When they had preached the **gospel** to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch,

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#### **Acts 15:7**

And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the **gospel** and believe.

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#### **Acts 16:10**

And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the **gospel** to them.

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#### **Acts 20:24**

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the **gospel** of the grace of God.

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#### **Romans 1:1**

[ *Greeting* ] Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the **gospel** of God,

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#### **Romans 1:9**

For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the **gospel** of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you

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#### **Romans 1:15**

So I am eager to preach the **gospel** to you also who are in Rome.

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#### **Romans 1:16**

[ *The Righteous Shall Live by Faith* ] For I am not ashamed of the **gospel**, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

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#### **Romans 2:16**

on that day when, according to my **gospel**, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

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#### **Romans 10:16**

But they have not all obeyed the **gospel**. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?”

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#### **Romans 11:28**

As regards the **gospel**, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers.

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#### **Romans 15:16**

to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the **gospel** of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

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#### **Romans 15:19**

by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the **gospel** of Christ;

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#### **Romans 15:20**

and thus I make it my ambition to preach the **gospel**, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation,

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#### **Romans 16:25**

[ *Doxology* ] Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my **gospel** and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages

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#### **1 Corinthians 1:17**

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the **gospel**, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

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#### **1 Corinthians 4:15**

For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the **gospel**.

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#### **1 Corinthians 9:12**

If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we even more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the **gospel** of Christ.

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#### **1 Corinthians 9:14**

In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the **gospel** should get their living by the **gospel**.

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#### **1 Corinthians 9:16**

For if I preach the **gospel**, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the **gospel**!

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#### **1 Corinthians 9:18**

What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the **gospel** free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the **gospel**.

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#### **1 Corinthians 9:23**

I do it all for the sake of the **gospel**, that I may share with them in its blessings.

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**1 Corinthians 15:1**

[ *The Resurrection of Christ* ] Now I would remind you, brothers, of the **gospel** I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,

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**2 Corinthians 2:12**

[ *Triumph in Christ* ] When I came to Troas to preach the **gospel** of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord,

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**2 Corinthians 4:1**

[ *The Light of the Gospel* ] Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart.

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**2 Corinthians 4:3**

And even if our **gospel** is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

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**2 Corinthians 4:4**

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the **gospel** of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

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**2 Corinthians 8:18**

With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his preaching of the **gospel**.

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**2 Corinthians 9:13**

By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the **gospel** of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others,

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**2 Corinthians 10:14**

For we are not overextending ourselves, as though we did not reach you. For we were the first to come all the way to you with the **gospel** of Christ.

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**2 Corinthians 10:16**

so that we may preach the **gospel** in lands beyond you, without boasting of work already done in another's area of influence.

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**2 Corinthians 11:4**

For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different **gospel** from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough.

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**2 Corinthians 11:7**

Or did I commit a sin in humbling myself so that you might be exalted, because I preached God's **gospel** to you free of charge?

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**Galatians 1:6**

[ *No Other Gospel* ] I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different **gospel**—

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**Galatians 1:7**

not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the **gospel** of Christ.

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**Galatians 1:8**

But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a **gospel** contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.

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#### **Galatians 1:9**

As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a **gospel** contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

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#### **Galatians 1:11**

[ *Paul Called by God* ] For I would have you know, brothers, that the **gospel** that was preached by me is not man's **gospel**.

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#### **Galatians 2:2**

I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the **gospel** that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain.

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#### **Galatians 2:5**

to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the **gospel** might be preserved for you.

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#### **Galatians 2:7**

On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the **gospel** to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the **gospel** to the circumcised

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#### **Galatians 2:14**

But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the **gospel**, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

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#### **Galatians 3:8**

And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the **gospel** beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed."

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#### **Galatians 4:13**

You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the **gospel** to you at first,

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#### **Ephesians 1:13**

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the **gospel** of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

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#### **Ephesians 3:1**

[ *The Mystery of the Gospel Revealed* ] For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—

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#### **Ephesians 3:6**

This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the **gospel**.

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#### **Ephesians 3:7**

Of this **gospel** I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power.

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#### **Ephesians 6:15**

and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the **gospel** of peace.

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#### **Ephesians 6:19**

and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the **gospel**,

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#### **Philippians 1:5**

because of your partnership in the **gospel** from the first day until now.

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#### **Philippians 1:7**

It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the **gospel**.

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#### **Philippians 1:12**

[ *The Advance of the Gospel* ] I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the **gospel**,

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#### **Philippians 1:16**

The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the **gospel**.

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#### **Philippians 1:27**

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the **gospel** of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the **gospel**,

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#### **Philippians 2:22**

But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the **gospel**.

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#### **Philippians 4:3**

Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the **gospel** together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

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#### **Philippians 4:15**

And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the **gospel**, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.

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#### **Colossians 1:5**

because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the **gospel**,

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#### **Colossians 1:23**

if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the **gospel** that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

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#### **1 Thessalonians 1:5**

because our **gospel** came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

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#### **1 Thessalonians 2:2**

But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the **gospel** of God in the midst of much conflict.

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**1 Thessalonians 2:4**

but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the **gospel**, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.

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**1 Thessalonians 2:8**

So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the **gospel** of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

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**1 Thessalonians 2:9**

For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the **gospel** of God.

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**1 Thessalonians 3:2**

and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the **gospel** of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith,

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**2 Thessalonians 1:8**

in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the **gospel** of our Lord Jesus.

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**2 Thessalonians 2:14**

To this he called you through our **gospel**, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**1 Timothy 1:11**

in accordance with the **gospel** of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

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**2 Timothy 1:8**

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the **gospel** by the power of God,

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**2 Timothy 1:10**

and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the **gospel**,

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**2 Timothy 2:8**

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my **gospel**,

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**Philemon 1:13**

I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the **gospel**,

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**1 Peter 4:6**

For this is why the **gospel** was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

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**1 Peter 4:17**

For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the **gospel** of God?

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**Revelation 14:6**

[ *The Messages of the Three Angels* ] Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal **gospel** to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.

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## Holy Spirit

- **Luke 1:15** for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the **Holy Spirit**, even from his mother's womb.
- **Luke 1:35** And the angel answered her, "The **Holy Spirit** will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called **holy**—the Son of God.
- **Luke 1:41** And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the **Holy Spirit**,
- **Luke 1:67** [ *Zechariah's Prophecy* ] And his father Zechariah was filled with the **Holy Spirit** and prophesied, saying,
- **Luke 2:25** Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the **Holy Spirit** was upon him.
- **Luke 2:26** And it had been revealed to him by the **Holy Spirit** that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.
- **Luke 3:16** John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the **Holy Spirit** and fire.
- **Luke 3:22** and the **Holy Spirit** descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."
- **Luke 4:1** [ *The Temptation of Jesus* ] And Jesus, full of the **Holy Spirit**, returned from the Jordan and was led by the **Spirit** in the wilderness
- **Luke 10:21** [ *Jesus Rejoices in the Father's Will* ] In that same hour he rejoiced in the **Holy Spirit** and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.
- **Luke 11:13** If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the **Holy Spirit** to those who ask him!"
- **Luke 12:10** And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the **Holy Spirit** will not be forgiven.
- **Luke 12:12** for the **Holy Spirit** will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."
- **Acts 1:1** [ *The Promise of the Holy Spirit* ] In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,
- **Acts 1:2** until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the **Holy Spirit** to the apostles whom he had chosen.
- **Acts 1:5** for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the **Holy Spirit** not many days from now."
- **Acts 1:8** But you will receive power when the **Holy Spirit** has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
- **Acts 1:16** "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the **Holy Spirit** spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.
- **Acts 2:1** [ *The Coming of the Holy Spirit* ] When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.
- **Acts 2:4** And they were all filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the **Spirit** gave them utterance.
- **Acts 2:33** Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the **Holy Spirit**, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.
- **Acts 2:38** And Peter said to them, "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**."



- **Acts 4:8** Then Peter, filled with the **Holy Spirit**, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders,
- **Acts 4:25** who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the **Holy Spirit**, ““Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain?
- **Acts 4:31** And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the **Holy Spirit** and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.
- **Acts 5:3** But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the **Holy Spirit** and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?
- **Acts 5:32** And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the **Holy Spirit**, whom God has given to those who obey him.”
- **Acts 6:5** And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the **Holy Spirit**, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.
- **Acts 7:51** “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the **Holy Spirit**. As your fathers did, so do you.
- **Acts 7:55** But he, full of the **Holy Spirit**, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.
- **Acts 8:15** who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the **Holy Spirit**,
- **Acts 8:17** Then they laid their hands on them and they received the **Holy Spirit**.
- **Acts 8:19** saying, “Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the **Holy Spirit**.”
- **Acts 9:17** So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the **Holy Spirit**.”
- **Acts 9:31** So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the **Holy Spirit**, it multiplied.
- **Acts 10:38** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the **Holy Spirit** and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.
- **Acts 10:44** [ *The Holy Spirit Falls on the Gentiles* ] While Peter was still saying these things, the **Holy Spirit** fell on all who heard the word.
- **Acts 10:45** And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the **Holy Spirit** was poured out even on the Gentiles.
- **Acts 10:47** “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the **Holy Spirit** just as we have?”
- **Acts 11:15** As I began to speak, the **Holy Spirit** fell on them just as on us at the beginning.
- **Acts 11:16** And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the **Holy Spirit**.’
- **Acts 11:24** for he was a good man, full of the **Holy Spirit** and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.
- **Acts 13:2** While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the **Holy Spirit** said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”
- **Acts 13:4** [ *Barnabas and Saul on Cyprus* ] So, being sent out by the **Holy Spirit**, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.
- **Acts 13:9** But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the **Holy Spirit**, looked intently at him
- **Acts 13:52** And the disciples were filled with joy and with the **Holy Spirit**.
- **Acts 15:8** And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the **Holy Spirit** just as he did to us,
- **Acts 15:28** For it has seemed good to the **Holy Spirit** and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements:
- **Acts 16:6** [ *The Macedonian Call* ] And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the **Holy Spirit** to speak the word in Asia.

- **Acts 19:2** And he said to them, “Did you receive the **Holy Spirit** when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a **Holy Spirit**.”
- **Acts 19:6** And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the **Holy Spirit** came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.
- **Acts 20:23** except that the **Holy Spirit** testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me.
- **Acts 20:28** Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the **Holy Spirit** has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.
- **Acts 21:11** And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, “Thus says the **Holy Spirit**, ‘This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.’”
- **Acts 28:25** And disagreeing among themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement: “The **Holy Spirit** was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet: