Evangelism and the Book of Acts

"From Twelve to All the Nations of the Earth"

Acts 1:8 => 4:1-31

The Spirit and the Gospel: Courage to Speak

A. A Promise Given:

Acts 1:8 *"But you will receive <u>power</u> when <u>the Holy Spirit</u> has come upon you, and you will be <u>my witnesses</u> in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."* (NASB – *"to the remotest part of the earth."*)

It is an impossible _____,
… with an impossible _____,
… through adequate _____, …

B. The Promise Fulfilled:

Acts 2:1-11 Dramatic demonstration; amazing <u>communication</u>!

C. **The Promise's Effects Realized:**

<u>The Holy Spirit changed everything!</u>

1. "Fruit of the Spirit."

Acts 2:36-47

- Bold proclamation – speaking the truth without fear. v. 36, 38, 40 2 Timothy 1:7
- "Cut/pierced to the heart." v. 37
- A sense of "_____." v. 41-43

They were being _____!

Power realized - thrill, joy…

The gospel was being proclaimed and the Sprit was changing lives!

- Experience of _____. v. 46-47

2. :Filled with the Spirit."

Acts 4:1-12 *"Arrested development?"*

- Condemned for doing right. v. 5-9
  - *what they had to do.*
- "Listen": It's all about _____. v. 10-12
- Common men made uncommon. v. 13
- We cannot <u>not</u> _____! v. 20

D. **The Promise's Effect Realized in Us?**

If the Holy Spirit (the Spirit of Christ) is at work in our lives:

1. We will not be _____,
   we will not _____. 2 Timothy 1:7
   Proclaiming the gospel is a great test case.

If the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives:

2. We will know the joy of _____!

If the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives:

3. We will know what is means to be _____ by the Spirit _____.

But, if we are stunted in our spiritual living it means:

4a. We are not _____something.

4b. We are not _____ something.