



Wrap up of
our fall
semester

...

**Let's Look at These Men and the Acts of the Ascended Christ
by means of the Holy Spirit's Filling and Equipping these men
for ministry...**

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We Have seen in Acts, Various Levels of God's Plan

- The Universal Plan of God, hidden as a “mystery” until now...
 - God uses the players within a wicked world framework, to accomplish His divine purposes using people sold out to Him,
 - His Divine Purpose is to Bring Gentiles and Jews together in a single “body” - the Church..
- The Church is the “Mystery” (Rev. 1:20), for whom It's...
 - Principal task is evangelization and discipleship
 - Through it's problems it accomplishes the great commission using a framework outlined in Acts programmatic verse (Acts 1:8) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)
- He has a Plan for Us Now...
 - The Holy Spirit and His infilling in the life of the believer is the driving powder for ministry in Jesus name

The Mission of the Church
Scope and Strategy

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

The Power and the Tactical Plan
For the Church to Carry out her Mission – as
the Bride of Christ

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem (chapters 1-7), and in all Judea and Samaria (Acts 8 through AD 68), and to the ends of the earth (Acts 9 through today).”

Acts 1:8 (NIV)



Figure 25.1. Woodcut of Peter preaching the gospel [Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division]

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**Here is where it started with
incredulity at His divine presence,
as displayed in the gospels**

**Here is what they did with the
message, after His crucifixion,
resurrection and ascension with the
Holy Spirit's filling**

The Books They Wrote to Individuals, Churches, and Groups of People

Paul to Churches, or groups of People

Organized by length
from longest to
shortest -

- Romans
- I and II Corinthians
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philipians
- Colossians
- I and II
Thesalonians

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- Hebrews (unknown
author)

Pastoral Epistles and to Individuals by Paul

- **I Timothy -
overseer at
Ephesus**
 - **Titus -
overseer at
Crete**
 - **II Timothy**
-
- **Philemon**

General or Universal Letters (4 Authors)

- **James**
- I and II
Peter
- I, II, III
John
- Jude

The Pastoral Epistles are Written Differently because of..

- Paul's Style
- Difficulty of Fitting them into writing at a different time than AD 63-66
- Later stages of development of error in the churches, then Paul earlier confronted

How the apostles died, all but Judas lends credibility to our faith, since they Died martyrs death except for Judas Iscariot and John the Beloved...

Name of Apostle	Cause of Death
Simon Peter	crucified upside down
Andrew, Peter's brother	crucified
James, the son of Zebedee	beheaded by Herod Agrippa I
John	exiled, died of old age (brother of James)
Matthew	died a martyr in Ethiopia
Bartholomew	beaten then crucified. (aka Nathanael)
Philip	crucified
Thomas	speared to death
Simon, the zealot	crucified
James	stoned to death
Thaddaeus	stoned to death. (aka Judas son of James)
Judas Iscariot	suicide by hanging
	--> Matthias replaced Judas (Acts 1:26)

The places they died (yellow contested and blue not so much)...





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Here is where it started for these men following the law and making their required sacrifices., according to the law of Moses.



Figure 25.3. *Crucifixion of St. Peter* by Caravaggio [Cerasi Chapel / Wikimedia Commons]

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In the end, they were called to sacrifice themselves for the Messiah and His message

Quenching the Spirit Can be Done by an Entire Church....

Thessalonian - A church with out clear freedom for the Holy Spirit to move in their midst

Frowned on any manifestation of the Spirit and Anything out of the ordinary.

I Thes. 5:19-22

The church was quenching the Spirit , by turning to another gospel

Corinthian -A church with

Over-manifestation and dis-orderliness in relation to the gifts of the Spirit

I Cor. 14:26-33

The church was quenching the Spirit by being carnal, and being dis-orderly with respect to the ministry of the Holy Spirit

Galatians a legalistic church

Lack of Liberty because of bondage to legalism.

Galatians 1:6;3:27;4:9

The church was quenching the Spirit by turning away from the true gospel

The Seven Churches + Crete

and Their Problems



Patmos from which John the Beloved was writing



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