

2011-12-11 GRBC

Acts 002 The Twelve Apostles Acts 1:12-26

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Confession of Sin: Romans 7:22-25a

I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God--through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Sermon: The Twelve Apostles Acts 1:12-26

Benediction: Ephesians 2:19-20

I. The Apostles obeyed the Lord Jesus' commandment to wait in Jerusalem

-see this commanded Acts 1:4

-they were waiting for the baptism of the Holy Spirit upon the church

APPLICATION: let us be so obedient to Christ

-when the commandment is to stay and wait

II. While they were waiting for the Spirit of Christ, they prayed

-with one accord

-both men and women

-both notable and anonymous

APPLICATION: whenever we have no particular ministry task to do, let us pray

III. While they were waiting for the Spirit of Christ, they set an important matter in order

-the church needed an office filled

-there had been 12 apostles chosen

-one was gone, so another had to be chosen

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Excursus: fate of Judas Iscariot

-verse 17 after having been

-numbered among the 12 apostles

-part of the ministry

-verse 25 he from his service and apostleship fell by transgression

-verse 16 guided those who arrested Jesus

-verse 18 with his wages a field was purchased

-verse 18 there he killed himself, and somehow as his body fell, he burst open and his intestines gushed out

-verse 19 all of this came to be known in Jerusalem

-verse 19 because of this, and because the money was "blood money," the field came to be called Field of Blood

-verse 25 he went to his own place

APPLICATION

-regarding church leaders who fall from their places in sin

-regarding our own souls

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-see how they proceed

-(this is both according to OT model and consistent with the rest of NT practice and teaching) see Deut 1:12-15; Acts 6; Titus 1

-the leader addresses the subject of the need to the people

-the leader addresses the need in terms of the truth of scripture

-verse 16

-verse 20

-Psalm 69:25 Messianic psalm; this is an imprecatory prayer upon those who have mistreated Messiah

-Psalm 109:8 again, imprecatory prayer

-the leader states the qualifications verse 21-22

-were with the Lord Jesus the whole time

-from His baptism of John

-to His ascension

-primarily so they can be witnesses of His resurrection

-secondarily so they will have full familiarity with His person and doctrine

-the original 11 did not already have these qualifications when chose, but would gain them during Jesus Christ's ministry

-the congregation chooses men based on the qualification

-the leader and the congregation pray

APPLICATION: whenever we are engaged in ministry, let us pray about it

-IN THIS UNIQUE CASE, they cast lots

-because there was a certain number, with more than that number qualified

-because the baptism of the Holy Spirit was not yet upon them, and this was the old way of doing this

-because they had no right to choose an apostle, an office chosen by Christ