

WHAT MAKES YOU WITNESS? (Part 2)

Acts 1:8

- I. Why we **should** witness
- II. Why we **don't** witness
- III. Why we **DO** witness: the Holy Spirit
- IV. How they **DID** witness

The unity of evangelism and missions in the Book of Acts

A. The **outline** of Acts 1:8

- Jerusalem
- Judea
- Samaria
- Ends of the earth: the Nations

Promise of Matthew 28:18-20 → Acts 1:4-5 → 8

Fulfillment: Acts 2:1-4

Pentecost: the first fruits of the wheat harvest of the Nations:
Acts 2:5-12

B. The **outworking** of Acts 1:8

The power of the Spirit in the spiritual warfare of global conquest

Acts 2: Pentecost: supernatural global witness
Bold declaration of Truth—point to Jesus

Acts 3: Supernatural witness of healing + bold gospel truth

Acts 4: Oppos 1: Persecution 1: Intimidate
Power: courageous witness (4:19-20; 31)

Acts 5a: Oppos 2: Internal: Compromise with sin (A & S)
Power: uncompromising discipline & witness
(5:11, 13-14)

Acts 5b: Oppos 3: Persecution 2: Remove leaders
Power: courageous witness (5:29-32)

Acts 6: Oppos 4: Complaints & division
Power: humble witness (6:3, 7)

Acts 7-8: Oppos 5: Persecution 3: Destroy
Power: courageous witness (6:12-7:2ff; 8:4)

Acts 9-28: Saul → Paul

V. How WE **DO** witness

“Acts 29++” : And on and on it goes down to the present day....

The pattern of widening progress and opposition to the ends of the earth. Unstoppable progress against the gates of hell. Because Jesus promised: Acts 1:8

Progress and opposition today

Our post-modern culture and the gospel

Think they know Christianity and don't want it

The power of Acts 1:8 involves the courage to resist sin, intimidation, opposition, and proclaim the Jesus you love

So what

1. Where is the battle for **intimidation** in your life?
Freely confess your weakness and claim the power of the Spirit
2. Where is the battle for **compromise** most crippling in your life?
Freely confess your weakness and claim the power of the Spirit
3. What should you pray for our **missionaries**?
This same twofold power of the Spirit to be evident in and thru them
4. Are you afraid God might **call** you to a wider field of service?
Freely confess your fears and seek the Spirit to open your eyes to the joy of abandonment to Him