

How we have the power to witness

Acts 1:8 and selected passages

(Part 2 of a 6 part series on the gospel and evangelism)

- I. The early church had power to share the gospel.
 - A. Jesus promised that we would have power to witness when the Holy Spirit came (Acts 1:8).
 - B. When the Holy Spirit came, Peter preached with power and 3,000 people believed (Acts 2:41).
 - C. Peter and John couldn't stop talking about Jesus as the Spirit gave them boldness (Acts 4:1-31).
- II. We have power to share the gospel if we prepare to share the gospel.
 - A. Know the Gospel – As we present the gospel in God's word, God's power saves (Romans 1:16; Hebrews 4:12).
 - B. Pray – Prayer activates God's power as we share the gospel (Colossians 4:2-4; Ephesians 6:19-20).
 1. Pray seriously and thankfully as a lifestyle (Colossians 4:2).
 2. Pray for opportunities (Colossians 4:3).
 3. Pray for clarity (Colossians 4:4).
 4. Pray for boldness (Ephesians 6:19-20).
 - C. Relax and trust God – As we present the gospel we can trust the Holy Spirit to convict and convince people (Acts 2:37; John 16:7-11).