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Gideons are a body of believers dedicated to making the Word of God available to everyone and, together with the local church, reaching souls for Christ. Introduce our guest.

Do you have the Power to be Witnesses for Jesus Christ?

False Teaching: "If we're just right with God, we won't have any problems, and we won't have any storms in our lives." Adrian Rogers says, "There are two things wrong with that. Number one, it's not true. Number two, it's not biblical. You're going to have storms." Look down your pew and imagine lost family members sitting there.

Slides 4-6. Act 5:14-21, 25, 28-32 KJV] 14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) 15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid [them] on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. 16 There came also a multitude [out] of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and **they were healed every one.** 17 Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, 18 And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison. 19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, 20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life. 21 And when they heard [that], they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. ... 25 Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people. ... 28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

Pilate said he was innocent of the blood of this just person. Slides 7.

Slide 7. [Mat 27:25 KJV] 25 Then answered all the people, and said, His blood [be] on us, and on our children.

29 Then Peter and the [other] apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

Slides 8. (Take this Personal.) 30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. 31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand [to be] a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. **32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and [so is] also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.** (Those who repented and turned to Christ.)

Slide 9. [Act 2:38 KJV] 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Jesus Spoke through the Holy Ghost

Slide 10. [Act 1:2, 4-5, 8, 14 KJV] **2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: ...**
4 And, being assembled together with [them], commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, [saith he], ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Holy Ghost Power

Slide 11. ... 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. ... 14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

[Jhn 14:26 KJV] **26 But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

Slide 12. [Act 2:4-8 KJV] **4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.** 5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. 6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. 7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? 8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

Peter's First Sermon

Slide 13. [Act 2:22-32, 41 KJV] **22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: 23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: 24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. 25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: 26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: 27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. 28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. 29 Men [and] brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. 30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; 31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.**

32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. ... 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added [unto them] about three thousand souls.

Peter's Second Sermon

Slide 14. [Act 3:11-16 KJV] 11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering. 12 And when Peter saw [it], he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? 13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let [him] go.

Not Everyone Wants to Listen

Slide 15. 14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; 15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. 16 **And his name through faith in his name** hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, **the faith which is by him** hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

A cripple man over lame from birth had been healed. He was over 40 years old.

Slide 16. [Act 4:3-4, 7-8, 10-12, 19-20, 22, 24-31 KJV] 3 And they laid hands on them, and put [them] in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

Acts 2:47 says the Lord added to the church daily.

4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and **the number of the men was about five thousand.**

A fisherman talking to a room full of Jewish Religion Experts

Slide 17.... 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this? 8 Then Peter, **filled with the Holy Ghost**, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

... 10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, [even] by him doth this man stand here before you whole. 11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. 12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Slide 18. ... 19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. **20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.** ... 22 For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.

Slide 19. [Act 4:23 KJV] 23 And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.

... Christians pray for courage. 24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou [art] God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: 25 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? 26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. 27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, 28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

Slide 20. 29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, 30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. 31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

If you are Saved

Slide 21. [Eph 1:13 KJV] 13 In whom ye also [trusted], after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Slide 22 [Act 1:8 KJV] 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come **upon** you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

[Mat 3:16 KJV] 16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon[G1909] him:

God is Supreme, in total control, and All Knowing. He determines everything. God is Sovereign. Sometimes he heals all, sometimes he heals only one. He has a purpose for everything.