

HOW REVIVAL ACTS

Acts 1:4-8

“In the Beginning, the Church Acts”



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Acts 1:4 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.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

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.

The Lord Jesus Christ built the first church, His church, not the Holy Ghost.

I. THE ORGANIZATION

A. The Pastor, 1:4a “And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them...”

sunalizo: I am assembled together with

Original Word: συναρίζομαι

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: sunalizo

Short Definition: I am assembled together with, crowded meeting.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4871.htm>

Mt. 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and **upon this rock I will build my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

ekklésia: an assembly, a (religious) congregation

Original Word: ἐκκλησία

Transliteration: ekklésia

Short Definition: an assembly, congregation, church

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1577.htm>

- Without a knowledge of Greek, one can determine the meaning of the word *church* by comparing Scripture with Scripture:

Psa. 22:22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: **in the midst of the congregation** will I praise thee.

Heb. 2:12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, **in the midst of the church** will I sing praise unto thee.

- God's program, the *Age of Grace*, incorporated the church for taking the Gospel to all the world (Mt. 28:18-20.)

1 Cor. 12:28 And **God hath set some in the church, first apostles**, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

Lu. 6:13 And when it was day, **he called *unto him* his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;**

- A Scriptural church is a visible, called out assembly or congregation.
- Jesus built His church, starting in Jerusalem.
- Jesus began the church with the 12 Apostles.
- At the meeting in Acts 1, Jesus is the “Commander-in-Chief.”

Acts 1:4a “And, being assembled together with *them*, **commanded them...**”

B. The Preparation, 1:4b

Acts 1:4b “...that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but **wait for the promise of the Father**, which, *saith he*, ye have heard of me.”

Jn. 14:26 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.

Jn. 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

Jn. 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

C. The Power, 1:5

Acts 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.”

Lu. 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but **tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.**

D. The Predicament, 1:6-7

Acts 1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, **It is not for you to know the times or the seasons,** which the Father hath put in his own power.

E. The Performance, 1:8

Acts 1:8 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.



Conclusion

The very first church had several principles that we must have in order to experience “HOW REVIVAL ACTS.”

- The first church knew that Jesus was the Head of the church.

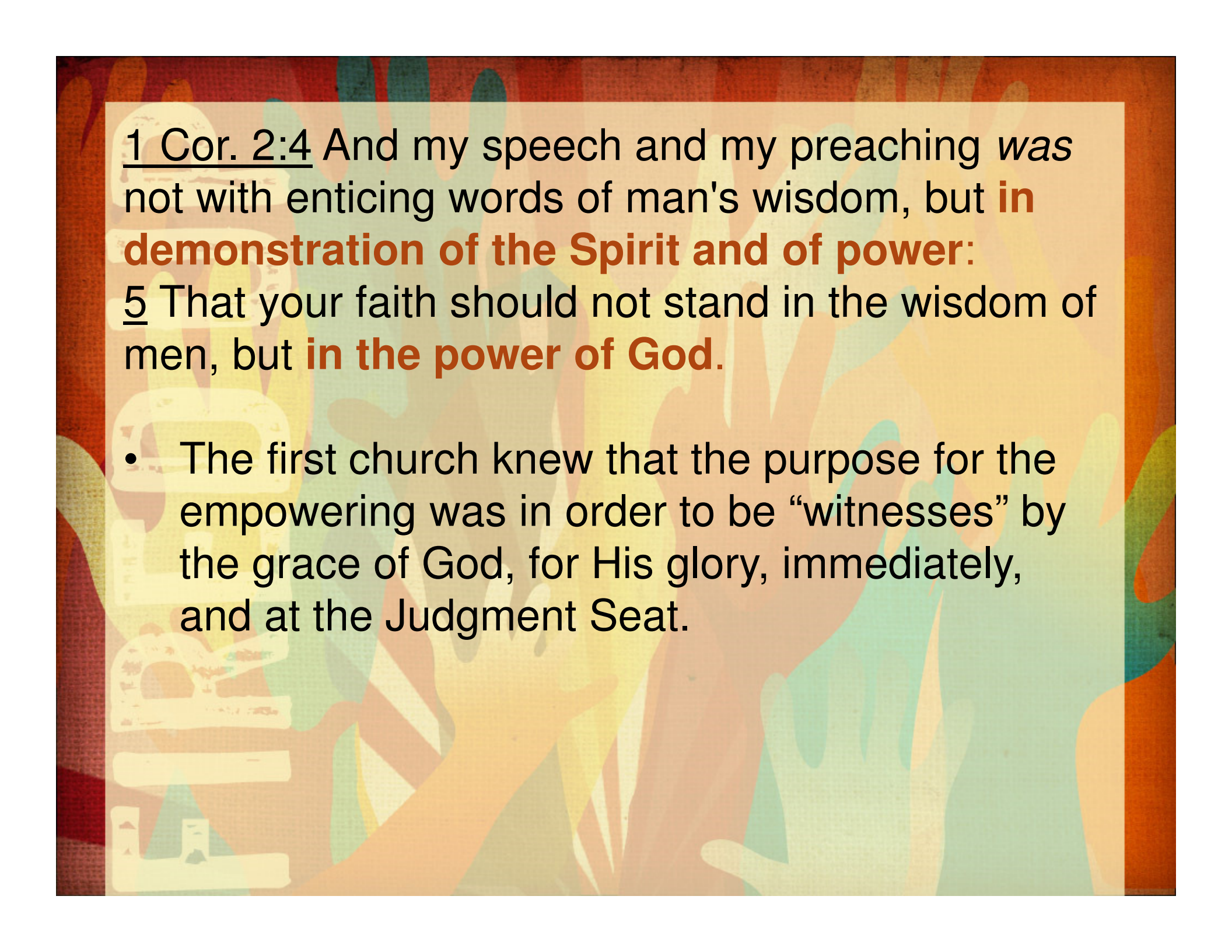
Eph. 1:22 And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* **the head over all things to the church,**

Eph. 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as **Christ is the head of the church:** and he is the saviour of the body.

Col. 1:18 And **he is the head of the body, the church:** who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that **in all things he might have the preeminence.**

- The first church obeyed the Lord Jesus Christ's command.
- The first church was empowered by the Holy Ghost.

Zech. 4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, **Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.**



1 Cor. 2:4 And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but **in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:**

5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but **in the power of God.**

- The first church knew that the purpose for the empowering was in order to be “witnesses” by the grace of God, for His glory, immediately, and at the Judgment Seat.