

Introduction- **IS YOUR MIND OPEN TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, OR ARE YOU BOUND BY TRADITION?**

1. The book of Acts found the Jewish Disciples still bound by endless traditions, and set them free.
2. In the Book of Acts are found numerous and drastic changes made by the Spirit.
3. It could be that He has some changes He wants to make in your life, if He can get you to be willing, and to listen.

I.- **LET'S SEE WHAT CHANGES THE HOLY SPIRIT MADE DURING THE COURSE OF THE BOOK OF ACTS (30 years)**

Acts bridges the chasm between the Gospels and the Epistles - without it would be confusion

1. The presence of the Son reveals the Father- - The Holy Spirit reveals the Son
2. The Gospels centers on the Teaching of Jesus- Acts on the Activities of Peter and Paul
3. The Gospels preach a Kingdom- - While Acts preaches the person-Jesus Christ
4. Jesus reached 500 at once as disciples- While Acts shows 3,000 saved at first sermon
5. The Gospels leave a frightened small band- Acts closes with an international church
6. The Gospels show Jews and Gentiles - Acts calls out the Church from both
7. All the Gospels center in Palestine- the Acts reach onto three continents
8. The Gospels show Peter as a weak Coward- Acts shows him to be a Tower of strength
9. Even in the Book- it starts at Jerusalem, and ends in Rome
10. At first the Spirit comes with laying on of hands- later the instant of Salvation
11. At first only Jewish Proselytes were saved- later Gentiles came to Christ directly
12. The Hyper-dispensationalist will try to pinpoint the birth of the Church as we know it- from Acts 2-28, but what was conceived in the 30's AD was left strong in the 60's AD

II.- **MEN TRY TO CATALOGUE THE THINGS OF GOD, AND WORSHIP THEIR CATHOLICISM AND MAN MADE ORDER*
GOD STILL OPERATES FREE FROM MAN'S LITTLE MINDS, AND CHANGES THINGS OCCASIONALLY.**

IIA. **WHAT CHANGES ARE BEING MADE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TODAY?**

1. The center of the Gospel has marched ever westward- Jerusalem, Rome, Geneva, Berlin, London, US
2. The advent of the Modern Missionary movement, Sunday Schools, Denominations,
3. Today we see greater opportunities and greater weakness than ever before in history-
4. The Holy Spirit is bringing nations around to the close of the Age - and Eternity-
1. But while we stand amazed at the World Wide wonders- lets not forget His work in us
2. **THE HOLY SPIRIT'S GREATEST JOB IN MY HEART IS TO SANCTIFY ME THROUGH THE WORD FOR CHRIST**
3. The note on Scofield's page Rev. 22:11- p.1353 - shows Sanctification 3 fold-
- a. Position- Done! b. Experience-Doing! c. Consummation- Done at appearance of Christ
1. John 17:17 Jesus prayed that we might be Sanctified through the Word
2. 2 Cor 3:17,18 tells how we are changed from glory unto glory - as we look at Jesus
3. 1/Thes. Eph 5:26,27 shows us being sanctified and cleansed by being washed in the word.
- 1 Thes. 5:23,24 Paul prays that the Spirit sanctify us body, soul, spirit.

III.- **All of Romans challenges us to live by faith- (slaves again to sin.**

- Chapt 6- though we be dead, and set free from sin, we must be careful or we will be
- Chapt 8- challenges us to walk after the Spirit, and to be Spirit minded.
1. **EPHESIANS** tells us to walk in the spirit /in the power of His might (6:10)
 2. Walk worthy (4:1), in love (5:2), as children of light (5:8), circumspectly (5:15) and
 3. **BUT TO MAKE THE CHANGES HE DESIRED, THE HOLY SPIRIT NEEDS YOUR COOPERATION**
 - B. Mortify- Col. 3:5-9
 1. Put on the new man- Col. 3:10-17
 - 2.
 3. The world is looking for a successful man- the Lord for a surrendered one.
 - C. Will you let the Lord make some changes in your life-
 1. Will you help him where he wants you carry a little of the cross-
 - 2.
 3. **MOST OF US ARE FACED WITH PETER'S ANSWER TO THE LORD WHEN THE LORD SAID**
"RISE AND KILL, AND EAT"* Peter said "Not so, Lord"
Peter dropped the "Not So" which will you drop?

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