

**GREAT
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**YEAR
HOMECOMING**

AUGUST 14, 2022

Blessed & Blessing

Acts 14:26-28

²⁶ From there they sailed to Antioch, from which they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had accomplished.

**All Scriptures from 1995 New American Standard*

Acts 14:26-28

²⁷ When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they *began* to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

²⁸ And they spent a long time with the disciples.

What We're Celebrating



➤ We're celebrating our shared blessings in Christ.

1 John 1:3

³ what we have seen and heard we
proclaim to you also, so that you too
may have fellowship with us; and
indeed our fellowship is with the
Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

What We're Celebrating



➤ We're celebrating the way God uses church family to bless our lives.

What We're Celebrating



- We're celebrating our hopes to keep encouraging souls to draw closer to God.

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

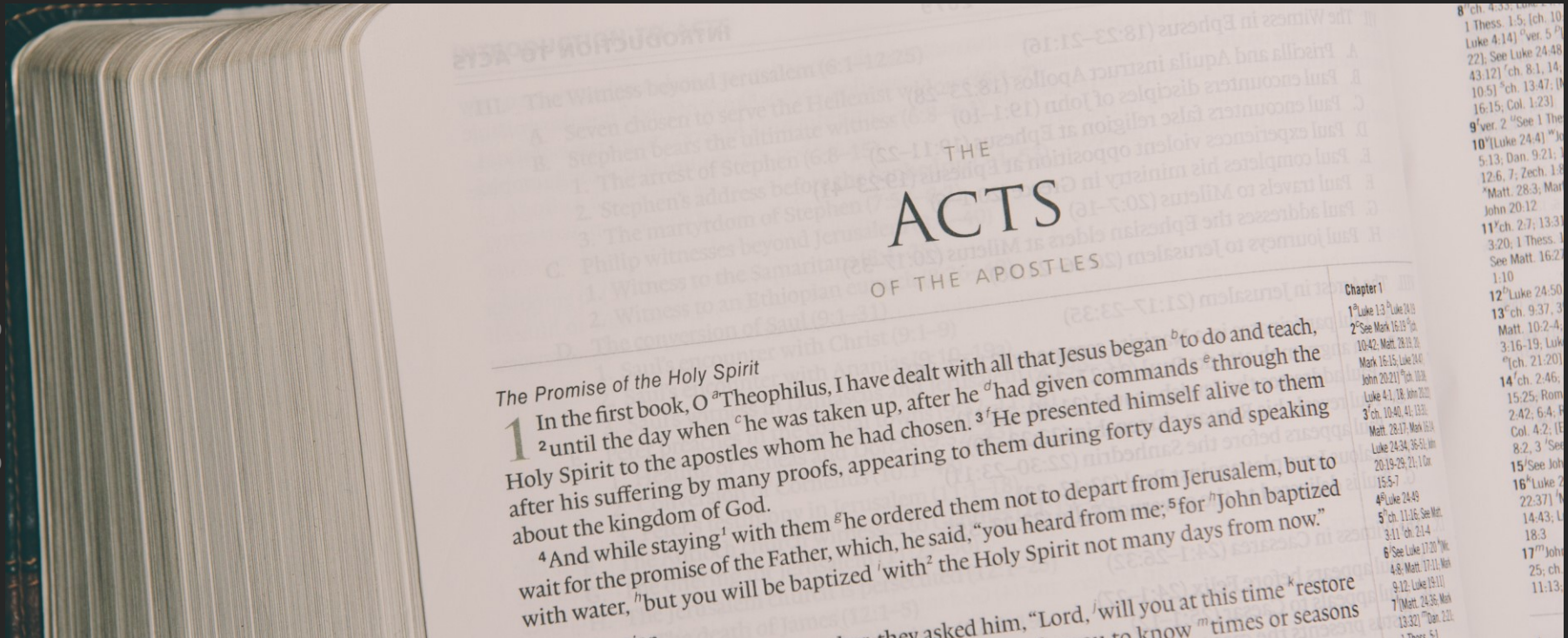
²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

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What do we see in this church?



Commitment

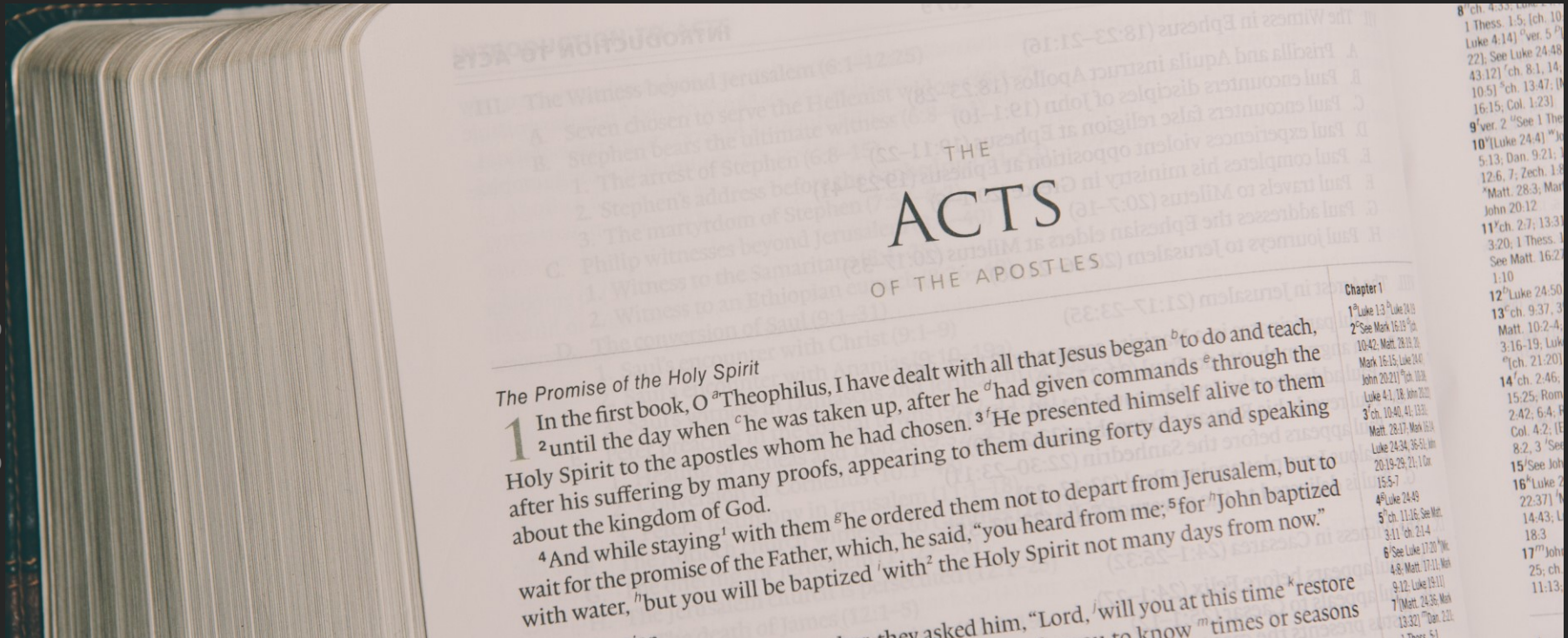
Acts 11:19-20

¹⁹ So then those who were scattered because of the persecution that occurred in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone.

Acts 11:19-20

²⁰ But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and *began* speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus.

What do we see in this church?



Communication

Acts 11:20-21

²⁰ But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and *began* speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus.

²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord.

Acts 11:22-24

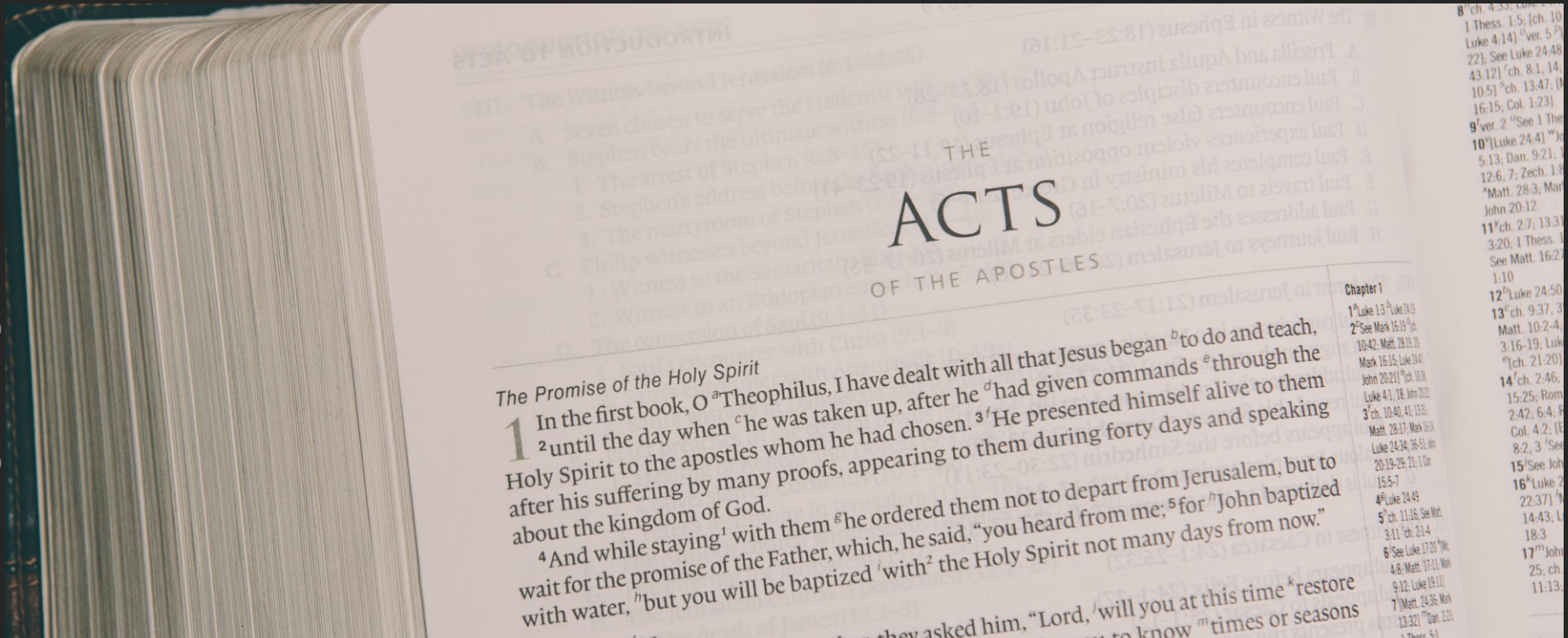
²² The news about them reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch.

²³ Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and *began* to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain *true* to the Lord;

Acts 11:22-24

²⁴ for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord.

What do we see in this church?



Community

Acts 11:20,26

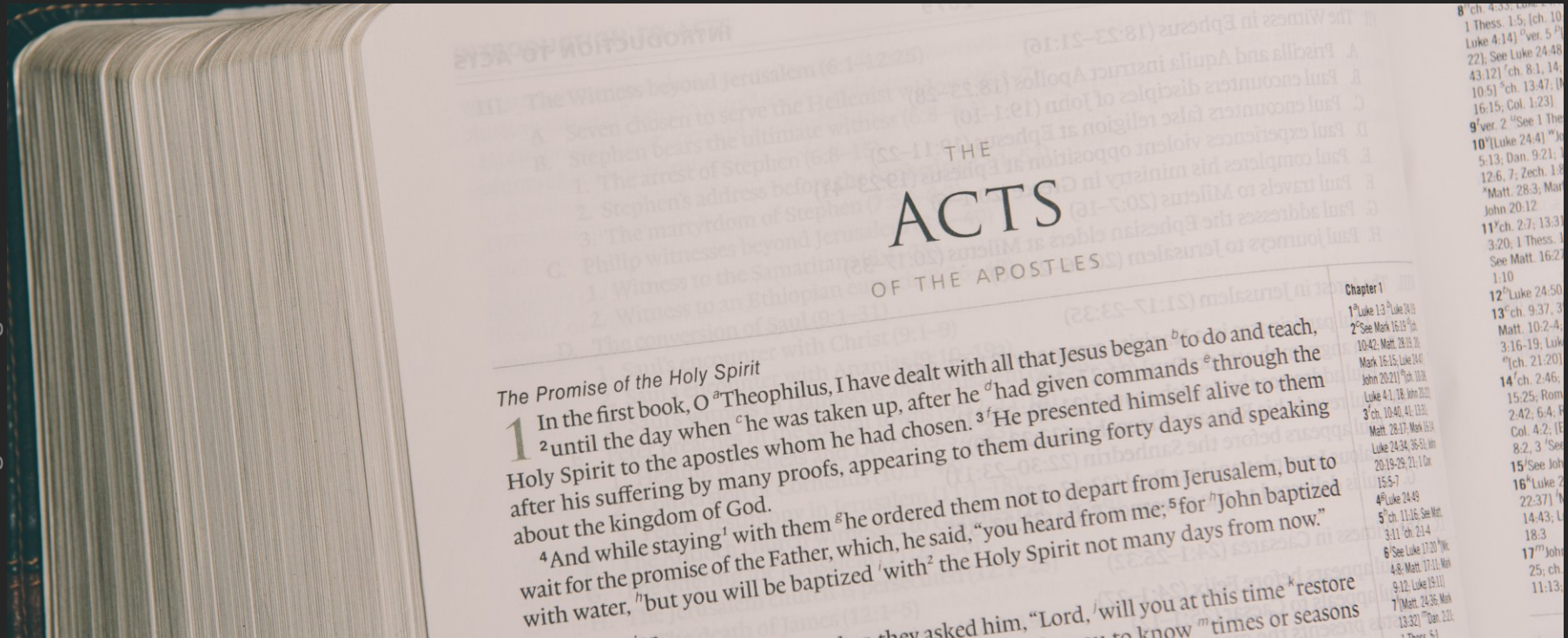
²⁰ But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and *began* speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus.

Acts 11:20,26

²⁵ And he left for Tarsus to look for Saul;

²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

What do we see in this church?



Compassion

Acts 11:27-30

²⁷ Now at this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.

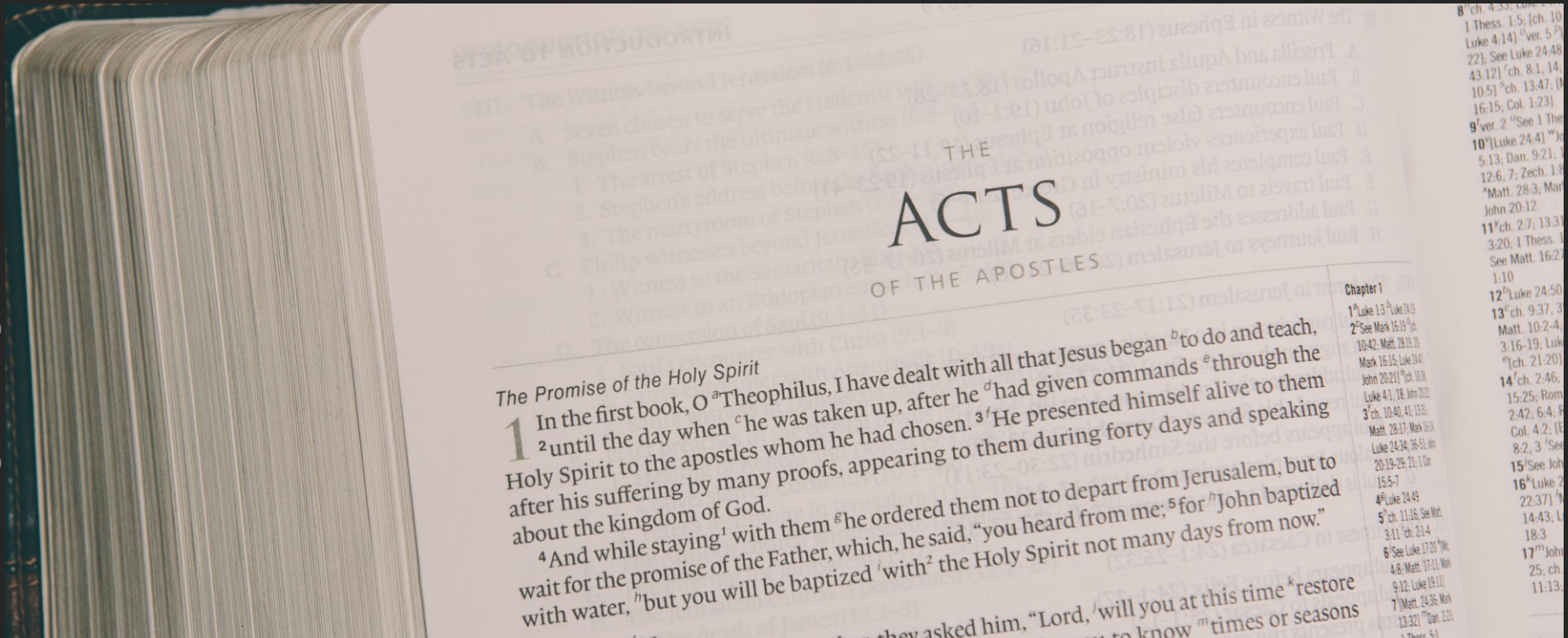
²⁸ One of them named Agabus stood up and *began* to indicate by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world. And this took place in the *reign* of Claudius.

Acts 11:27-30

²⁹ And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send *a contribution* for the relief of the brethren living in Judea.

³⁰ And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabas and Saul to the elders.

What do we see in this church?



Christ

Acts 11:26

²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.



Churches can forget their purpose!

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The Promise of the Holy Spirit
1 In the first book, O ^aTheophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began ^bto do and teach, ²until the day when ^che was taken up, after he ^dhad given commands ^ethrough the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.
⁴And while staying ¹with them ²he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵for ⁷John baptized with water, ⁶but you will be baptized ¹with ²the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

The Ascension
⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, ¹will you at this time ^krestore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know ^mtimes or seasons

¹Or eating ²Or in

1:1-2:13 Preparation for Witness. Acts opens with the account of the Spirit's descent at Pentecost. Chapter 1 relates the preparation of the disciples for that event, which is covered in 2:1-13.

28:23, 31). Significantly, two of the six are at the beginning and end of the indicating that the proclamation of the gospel in Acts represents the beginning of the fulfillment of God's kingdom promises. The "kingdom of God" means to an earthly political or military kingdom but the present spiritually directed rule of God, gradually transforming individual lives and entire cultures through the power of the Holy Spirit. Cf. Matt. 6:33.

the power of the Father refers to the gift that was promised to the disciples of the Holy Spirit in

Chapter 1

¹Luke 1:3 ²Luke 24:48

²See Mark 16:19 ³John 10:42; Matt. 28:19; 26

Mark 16:15; Luke 24:48

John 20:21 ⁴John 10:10

Luke 4:1, 18; John 20:22

³ch. 10:40, 41; 13:26

Matt. 28:17; Mark 16:7

Luke 24:34, 36-38; 24:48

20:19-29; 21:1; Cor. 15:5-7

⁴Luke 24:49

⁵ch. 11:16; See Matt. 3:11; ch. 2:14

⁶See Luke 17:20 ⁷John 4:8; Matt. 17:21; Mark 9:12; Luke 19:11

⁷Matt. 24:36; Mark 13:32 ⁸1 Thess. 5:1

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Blessed and Blessing



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May our lives and our church family
always be about Jesus Christ!

Acts 2:37-38

³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?” ³⁸ Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

James 5:16

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.