

INTRO: PROFILES IN EVANGELISM FROM THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH (*Acts*)

I. SPIRIT-FILLED: POWER TO EFFECT (Gen.1:1fff (2:7; Ezk.37:9; Jn.6:63); Lk.4:18fff; Acts 2:1fff)

A. PROMISED (1:5-8)

B. INITIATED (2:1f,38,41f)

C. SUSTAINED (4:8f,29f; (5:3,9); 6:3,5,8,10; see Ex.31:3; 35:31; Dt.34:9; Lk.1:15,41,67f; 1Cor.12:4ff; Eph.5:18f)

D. THE WISDOM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (6:3,5,10; 7:1ff with 6:15; 7:55f; 2Cor.3:18; 4:4,6; 2Tm.3:14-17)

II. EVANGELISM: GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION (Is.61:1f(Lk.4:18f); Acts 8:12; 13:32 \Rom.10:17)

A. THE MIGHTY DEEDS OF GOD (7:1f; see 2:11,22f; see Ps.106:2ff (//Ps.105); Is.52:7(Rom.10:15f))

B. EVANGELIZING THE JEWS (7:1-53; see 2:14f,36,38; 3:11f,26; 4:8-12)

1. Abraham, Isaac & Jacob: bondage & deliverance promised (2f,8(32/6:11); 6,7; see 3:13; Mt.1:1f; Jn.8:39; see Ps.105:6f)
2. Joseph: savior of his brothers who rejected him (9f; see Gen.45:5f; 50:20; see Ps.105:17f)
3. Moses: savior of his brothers who rejected him (17f; 21,25f; see 35,39f; see Ps.105:25f; 106:6f)
4. Jesus: Savior of His brothers who rejected him! (51,52; see 2:23/24; 36b/a; 3:13-15/15b; 26; 4:10,11; 26,27; 5:30,31; see Ps.78:8f)

III. BE A SPIRIT-FILLED EVANGELIST!

A. PRAY FOR EMPOWERING BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO SPEAK & DO THE GOSPEL! (6:3,5,8,10; see 3:29-31; Lk.11:13; Eph.2:5-10)

B. KNOW FOR CERTAIN THAT JESUS CAME TO SAVE THOSE WHO REJECT HIM! (7:51,52; see 9f,20ff; Lk.19:10; 15:32; refs. in I,B,2-4 above)

C. PRAY FOR WISDOM TO DISCERN TRUE & FALSE PROPHETS! (7:9f,27f,35ff; see Dt.13:1f; 18:15f; Mt.7:15; 2Th.2:10,11; 1Jn.4:1f; see Heb.5:12f; 2Tm.3:14f)

D. ARE YOU DYING TO SEE PEOPLE SAVED? (7:1f,54-60 /Jn.15:13; Lk.9:23; 1Pt.2:18-25; Col.1:24f; 2Tm.2:10)

E. LET YOUR FACE SHINE! (Mt.5:16; Acts 6:3,5,10; 7:1ff with 6:15; 7:55f; 2Cor.3:18; 4:4,6)

G. DRAW FROM YOUR RICH ROOTS! (7:1f; see Rom.11:17; 9:4f; 2Tm.3:15f)

H. PRODUCE THIS SWEET FRUIT! (7:1f; see 2:11; 8:35)

1. *start with common ground!* (7:2ff; see 17:22f)

2. *proceed to address the pressing need in this context!* (7:9f; 25f,35,39,43,51f; see 17:30f)

Discussion questions:

*Brethren, what shall **WE do**?* (see Acts 2:37f)