

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

**I. SPIRIT-FILLED: POWER TO EFFECT (Gen.1:1ff (2:7; Ezk.37:9; Jn.6:63); Lk.4:18ff; Jn.16:12f; Acts 2:1ff)**

**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); 2Cor.5:21)

1. Good Friday: the suffering, death & burial of Jesus (7:52; see 2:22f; Lk.22,23; see Heb.10:11f)

2. *Easter*: the resurrection, ascension & session of Jesus (7:55f; see 2:24f; Lk.24:1f; see Phil.2:5-8&9f)

**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 /3:13; Mt1:1f; Jn8:39 /Ps105:6f)

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 /2:23/24,36b/a; 3:13f/15b;26; 4:10,11;26,27; 5:30,31 /Ps78:8f)

5. Summary

a. Jesus is the *Rejected* Stone (the Christ; Ps.118:22(Lk.20:17; Acts 4:11; 1Pt.2:4f); Mk.8:31; 9:31; 10:33f)

b. Jesus came to save those *who rejected* Him! (7:51,52; see 9f,20ff; Lk.19:10; 15:32)

**III. THE NECESSITY OF THE CONVICTION OF SIN IN EVANGELISM**

**A. IN THE CALL TO REPENTANCE & FAITH** (Mk.1:15; Acts 2:38f; 19:4; 26:18; see 2Cor.5:21)

**B. FIRST USE OF LAW FOR SINNERS** (Rom3:30; 7:7; 1Jn3:4 /Mt5:17f,21f /Jn16:8 /*convict, convert, conduct*)

**C. EXEMPLIFIED IN STEPHEN'S EVANGELISM**

1. precedent in Psalms (comp. 105 & 106:6f,13,19f,28f,32,34f; see 107:11f,17f; 34; 78:8fff; prophets!,Jer.3:12f)

2. crescendo of conviction (7:9; 27; 35,39,41(48; Lk.19:46),43)

3. finale in rebuke (7:51-53; see 2:23,36; 3:13f; 5:30; 28:25f; Lk.11:42ff; see Rom.3:9f,20,23)

4. seeking repentance (7:51f with 60(Lk.17:3; 2Cor.2:6f); see 2:23,36,37f; 3:13f,19,26)

**IV. BE A SPIRIT-FILLED EVANGELIST!**

**A. *SUBMIT TO THE CONVICTING WORK OF THE SPIRIT IN YOUR OWN SOUL!*** (7:51-53(35f,1f); Jn.16:8; see Mt.5:17f,21ff; 1Cor.6:9,10; Gal.5:16f; Eph.4:30,25f; Jms.3:13f)

**B. *RUN TO CHRIST FOR RELIEF!*** (2:37f; 3:13f,19,26 w/4:4; 16:28f; see Mt.11:28; 1Cor.6:9-11; 2Sam.12:1f,7f,13; see Acts 7:52&55; Rom.6:1-7; 2Cor.5:21)

**C. *HELP OTHERS TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THEIR SIN SO THAT THEY WILL RUN TO CHRIST!*** (7:1fff; 35f; 51-53; see Jn.16:8; Rom.2,3; Mk.1:15; see Lk.10:34; see Lk.17:3; 2Cor.2:6f)

**D. *BE FULL OF THE SPIRIT IN THE SCRIPTURES SO THAT YOU WILL KNOW WHAT TO SAY IN EVANGELISM!*** (2:1f,11ff; 4:29f; 6:3,5,8,10; 7:1ff (Ps.106,etc.); 18:24; see 2Tm.3:15,16)

**E. *BE FULL OF THE SPIRIT IN THE SCRIPTURES SO THAT YOU WILL REPROVE & CONVICT IN CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS, NOT YOUR OWN*** (7:9,27,35f,39,41,43,51-53 /Rom.3:9f,20,23; 2Tm.3:16)

Discussion questions:

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