

Acts 1:1-8  
"Unashamed of simplicity"

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### 1. Introduction

- a. Every day of life is gift of God
- b. Christianity is simple
- c. One verse - John 3:16 simple
  - some use academia to leave Bible
  - Is 47 wisdom & knowledge perversion
- d. Four areas of simplicity

### 2. Simplicity of the Gospel

- a. Question of kingdom of Israel
  - Jesus answer - Only God knows (1:6)
- b. Focus on facts of the gospel
  - 1 Cor 15:3-7 death, burial, & resurrection of Jesus
  - Mt 12:40 son of man 3 days & nights in earth
- c. Function of the gospel
  - accepting gospel because Jesus saves
  - God gives salvation for human soul
- d. Finality of the gospel
  - Gal 1:6, 8 another gospel? NO
  - gospel truth of Jesus death, burial & resurrection

### 3. Simplicity of Governance

- a. Christians gathered in an upper room
  - ecclesia - called out group - Acts 1:13
  - beginning days of church
  - 11 apostles leaders
- b. Place of prayer
  - prayer brings down God's power
  - prayer only requires presence & faithfulness - Acts 1:14
  - Christians pray & God works
- c. Pursuit of purity
  - group wanted to replace Judas Iscariot - vs. 1:16-20
  - Peter gives requirement for apostle
    - \* were with Jesus from His baptism until His resurrection - vs. 21-22
- d. Power in preaching - Acts 2
  - apostles speaking in power of Holy Spirit - Acts 2:4, 6, 8 Act 2:14
  - great sermon on Day of Pentecost
  - foolishness of preaching - Act 1:18, 21

#### 4. Simplicity of Growth

- a. Acts record of witnessing & Christian converts - Acts 2:41
- b. Growing a church (not a crowd)
- c. Intolerance toward unfaithfulness  
- 3000 people converted & baptized  
- converts continued steadfastly (faithfully) in doctrine, fellowship, Communion, & prayers
- d. Ingredient of unity  
- 1:14 with one accord  
- 2:1 one accord in one place  
- 2:46 with one accord
- e. Infusion of unction  
- 2:4 all filled with Holy Spirit  
- 2:44 together  
- ~~2:47 with one accord having favor~~  
- 2:16-21 pour out God's Spirit  
- 2:47 of glory - ~~2:47~~

#### 5. Simplicity of Glory - Judges 5:3

- a. Praising God in song - 1 Chron 23:30
- b. To thank God every morning - 1 Chron 29:13
- c. Praise God's glorious name - 1 Chron 16:29
- d. Praise God in rejoicing - Ps 9:2
- e. Give God glory due His name - 1 Chron 16:29
- f. Jesus showed His glory in miracles - John 2:11