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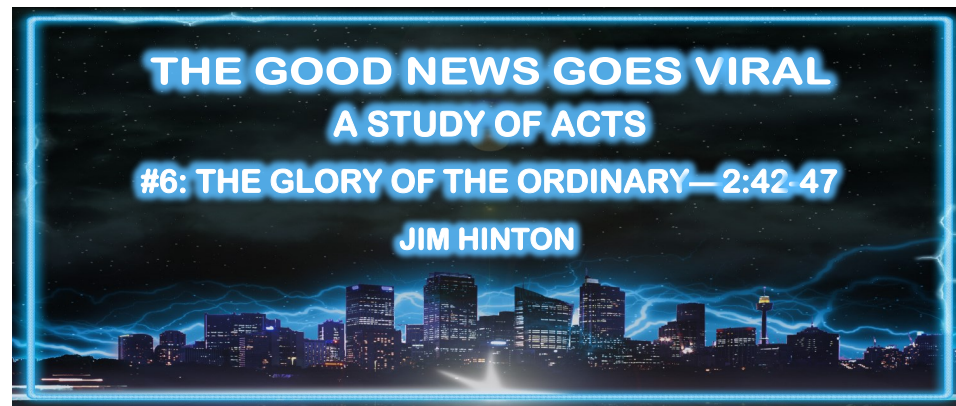
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You will not succeed by your own strength or power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD All-Powerful.

Zechariah 4:6b (NCV)

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I. THE DAY OF PENTECOST—ACTS 2:1-13

Pentecost is the celebration of the Jewish Feast of Harvest that occurred fifty days after the Passover Sabbath (Leviticus 23:15-22; Deuteronomy 16:9-10).

- 1 The Holy Spirit arrived in a spectacular way.
- 2 The Apostles spoke in languages they never studied.
- 3 The people were there celebrating the “Feast of Harvest” from all over the world and heard preaching in their own language.
- 4 The New Covenant was inaugurated.

II. THE FIRST GOSPEL SERMON - ACTS 2:14-41

Peter explains...

- 1 What happened: The Holy Spirit has come (v.14-21)
- 2 How it happened: Jesus is alive, Lord, and Messiah (v.22-35).

Jesus was...

- Authenticated by His power (v.22).
- Verified by His resurrection from the dead (v.23-24).
- Corroborated by the prophecy of David (v.25-31).
- Validated by His ascension into Heaven (v.33-34).
- Confirmed by His glorification by God (v.35-36).

- 3 Why it happened: In order to save everyone (v.37-41).
 - The question: What shall we do? (v.37).
 - The reply: Repent and be baptized (v.38-40).
 - The response: 3000 were baptized into Christ (v.41).

III. THE GLORY OF THE ORDINARY—BUT SUCCESSFUL CHURCH - ACTS 2:42-47

This church was committed to...

- 1 _____:

Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness.
1 Peter 2:2-3 (NLT)

The teachings of the LORD are perfect; they give new strength. The rules of the LORD can be trusted; they make plain people wise...By them your servant is warned. Keeping them brings great reward.

Psalm 19:7,11 (NCV)

- 2 _____:

Every congregation has a choice to be one of two things. You can choose to be a bag of marbles, single units that don't affect each other except in collision. On Sunday morning you can choose to go to church or to sleep in: who really cares whether there are 192 or 193 marbles in a bag? Or you can choose to be a bag of grapes. The juices begin to mingle, and there is no way to extricate yourselves if you tried. Each is part of the all.

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- 3 _____:

Through prayer we become one with Christ. Prayer does not consist in many words, but in the fervor of the desire which raises the heart to Jesus. Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of Himself. To pray is to let the love of God take entire and absolute possession of your heart. Prayer at its best is a deep and fervent look at Christ. I look at Him, He looks at me - in prayer you come face to face with God.

Mother Teresa