

SERMON NOTES

THE BASICS * OF THE BIBLE

fundamentals of the faith

the redemptive story

Acts 1:4-11

⁴ And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, *saith he*, ye have heard of me. ⁵ For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. ⁶ When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? ⁷ And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. ⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. ⁹ And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; ¹¹ Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

The Basics of the Bible: The Thread of Redemption | Acts 1:4-11

Main Idea: The thread of redemption didn't stop at the cross, it runs through us. And we are called to keep it moving until Christ returns.

1. We Are a Redeemed People with a Purpose.

As the true offspring of Abraham, believers have been blessed in order to be a _____.
God's plan to redeem the world continues today, He has _____ you to be part of it.

2. We Are an Empowered People. [Acts 1:8]

The mission of the church is not accomplished through human strength, but through the power of the _____.

Jesus promised the coming of the Holy Spirit, and at Pentecost that promise was fulfilled. From that moment forward, the book of Acts shows ordinary people _____ to do extraordinary things through God's Spirit.

- We are indwelt at the moment of _____. [Acts 2:38]

3. We Are a Sent People with a Message of Hope. [Acts 1:8]

A. The Mission Has Not Changed. [Acts 1:8]

A witness is someone who tells what they have _____ and _____.

- The strategy: the _____ of God using the _____ of God through the _____ of God to reach the lost.
- The methodology: _____, disciple, and send.

B. The Gospel Is for All People. [Acts 1:8]

Jerusalem = The gospel always starts at _____.

Samaria = The Gospel is for _____. No matter how different, or how sinful, or lost someone might be.

C. The Mission Continues Until Christ Returns [Acts 1:9-11].

The Thread of redemption didn't stop at the cross, or at the empty tomb, it runs _____ us, the _____.

This is our "last standing orders," the mission given to the church until He comes again.

The redemptive thread that began in Genesis, was fulfilled in Christ, is now carried forward through His people.

"The Great Commission is thus a comprehensive plan for spiritual warfare." – Michael S. Heiser