



Go for God!

“Be Filled with the Holy Spirit!”

ACTS Chapter 4

- > **(v1-12) SPIRIT FILLED BELIEVERS WILL!**
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LOVE!

> **(v1-12) SPIRIT FILLED BELIEVERS WILL!**

(v1-2) Will **TEACH** people God’s Word!

(v2) Will **PREACH** in Jesus the resurrection from the dead!

(v3) Will experience **PERSECUTION!**

(v4) Will see a **HARVEST** of souls!

(v5-10) Will speak with **BOLDNESS!**

(v11-12) Will proclaim Jesus as the **ONE & ONLY SAVIOR!**

- Peter quotes Psalm 118:22 – One commentator writes, “The image of “*the stone*” was not new to these men who were experts in the Old Testament Scriptures. They knew that the “rock” was a symbol of God (Deut. 32:4,15,18,31; 2 Sam. 22:2; Ps. 18:2; Isa. 28:16), and that the Prophet Daniel had used the rock to picture Messiah and the coming of His Kingdom on earth (Dan. 2:31-45). The Jews stumbled over the Rock (Rom. 9:32; 1 Cor. 1:23) and rejected Him, just as Psalm 118:22 had predicted. However, to those who have trusted Him, Jesus Christ is the precious Cornerstone (1 Peter 2:4-8) and the chief Cornerstone (Eph. 2:20).

> **(v13-22) SPIRIT FILLED BELIEVERS MUST TESTIFY!**

(v13) Peter and John were **uneducated** and **untrained** in the ways of religion; but were taught and trained by Jesus, then **empowered** by the Holy Spirit.

(v14-18) Who is this council? They are called the Sanhedrin, a group of 71 members including the High Priest; also known as the Jewish national ruling body and Supreme Court. Take note their demand, “Do not speak or teach in the **NAME OF JESUS!**”

(v19-22) We must **TESTIFY JESUS CHRIST** always and forever!

> **(v23-31) SPIRIT FILLED BELIEVERS PRAY WITH POWER!**

~ **Observe this powerful prayer:**

(1) *You are God* (not man) (v23-24);

(2) *You created all things* (no evolution);

(3) Prayer must stand upon the *Word of God*; (v25-26);

(4) Pray *Honestly* (Jews and Gentiles crucified Jesus; it was God's will for salvation) (v27-28);

(5) Desire to do more, "*to speak*" and "*to do God's work in the name of Jesus*" (not for our glory, but His! (v30-31).

- Dr. R.A. Torrey said, "Pray for great things, expect great things, work for great things but above all—pray." Another commentator writes, "Prayer is not an escape from responsibility; it is our response to God's ability. True prayer energizes us for service and battle."

> **(v32-37) SPIRIT FILLED BELIEVERS LIVE IN UNITY AND LOVE!**

(v32) Spirit filled Christians are of "ONE HEART AND ONE SOUL"; SHARING WITH ONE ANOTHER.

(v33) Spirit filled Christians love to WITNESS the RESURRECTION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST; we also operate in the realm of GRACE, that which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, loveliness, grace of speech, and the exercise of Christian virtues.

(v34-35) Spirit filled Christians HELP ONE ANOTHER. Our giving and helping of one another is now determined upon the rest of Scripture; instructions found in the epistles (Romans through Revelation). This is for the sake of organization and the protection against abuse, fraud, and corruption.

(v36-37) Spirit filled Christians ENCOURAGE each other—be a Barnabas in someone's life today! (Barnabas is mentioned 25 times in the Book of Acts and another five times in the epistles.)

BE A SPIRIT FILLED BELIVER AND GO4GOD!