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How It Changes Everything!

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Acts 1:1-11 **"PROMISE"**

In this series we will discover how the Spirit of God works through the Word of God in the hearts and lives of the people of God impacting the world for God.

What is Christianity All About?

Most people have no idea what Christianity is all about. The Gospel is the most amazing message ever!

- It is what Jesus has done and not what you do. (Grace)**
V1 (Eph. 2:8-9; 2 Cor. 8:9)
- He suffered for you. (Cross)** v3 (Rom. 3:23, 6:23, 5:8)
- He proved He was alive. (Resurrection)** V3 (1 Cor. 15:3-8; 1 Pet. 1:16; Acts 4:20)
- He ascended (vv9-11) and works from heaven through His Holy Spirit. (Promise)** vv1, 4-5, 8 (Mark 1:7-8; John 14:12, 16:13-15)

How Can I Receive It Now?

John 3:16-19

Christian life is a combination of God's truth...

- Entering the head (Comprehension)**
Intellect/Thoughts v1 "all that Jesus began to do" v3 "after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them" v4 the promise"
- Igniting the heart (Conviction)** Emotion/Feelings
v8 "you will receive power"
- Outworking through the hands (Commitment)**
Will/Actions v8 "you will be my witnesses"
"To see Him is to savor Him and to savor Him is to show Him. God is most Glorified in us when we are most Satisfied in Him and when we are most satisfied in Him we are crucified to this world!" – John Piper



Growing

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- 1) The death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ is more than a historical event it can and should be a daily reality (John 10:10b). Explain. Do you think most people celebrating Easter and attending Easter services understand its true implications?

- 2) Read Acts 1:1-11. What immediately stands out to you? Do you think most people have any idea what Christianity is about? Would most people say that Christianity is what has been done for you or what you must do? How do these verses clear the confusion? (Eph. 2:8-9; 2 Cor. 8:9)

- 3) Why did Jesus suffer (v3)? (Rom. 3:23, 6:23, 5:8)
What does Jesus' suffering on the cross tell us about our sin, God's justice and His love? What proof do we have that Jesus resurrected from the grave (v3)? (1 Cor. 15:3-8; 1 Pet. 1:16; Acts 4:20)

- 4) What does it mean that Jesus ascended and works on earth from heaven through His Holy Spirit (vv1, 4-5, 8-9)? How does Acts 1:8 force us to give up our small ambitions and repent of our low expectations? Paraphrase Acts 1:8 in your own words.

- 5) What does John 3:16-19 say how we can receive this amazing fullness of life now? What about those who don't believe? Believing in Jesus is what the Christian life is all about and is a combination of God's truth doing what three things? Why are all three important parts of faith? Pray all 3 will be in your life.