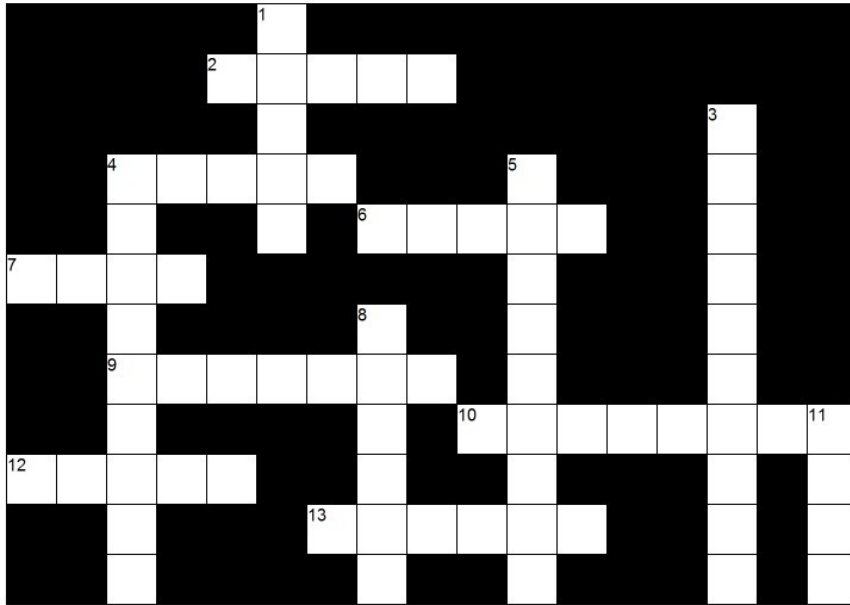


A Bible Crossword: The Book Of Acts, Part 1

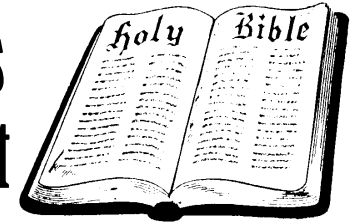


Across: 2. This king's psalm foretold of the ascension of the Christ. 4. He said they should fill Judas' vacant office. 6. God wouldn't leave the Christ's soul here. 7. New _____. It's what mockers said the apostles were full of when they heard them speaking in tongues. 9. These would be made into the Christ's footstool. 10. The lot fell on this man, and he replaced Judas among the apostles. 12. Jesus went up into heaven in one. 13. The mount where the ascension took place.

Down: 1. Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be _____. 3. Person(s) to whom the book of Acts was written. 4. Day when the apostles were baptized with the Holy Spirit. 5. City where the apostles waited for the promise from the Father. 8. Where the first Christians gathered daily. 11. Peter told the believers on Pentecost to be baptized for the remission of these.

—All answers can be found in Acts 1-2, NKJV.

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Flying Standby

Though the practice has waned a great deal with changes in airline policies, flying standby used to be one of the cheapest ways to travel. Since airlines make no money from empty seats, they used to sell standby tickets at reduced fares. Those who purchased standby tickets were not guaranteed a seat on a particular flight, but they would be placed on the next flight with empty seats.

Travelers seeking to take advantage of standby rates would get to the gate early and place their name on the standby list and wait to see if they could get a flight.

Travelers flying standby could be distinguished from travelers with actual reservations by their demeanor. Travelers with reservations sat quietly talking or reading. Travelers flying standby paced back and forth, waiting, wondering if they would get a flight.

Are you a Christian with a reservation or are a Christian flying standby? Having written about growing in the Christian graces, Peter says, "Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble, for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:10-11). Grow, and you can secure your reservation, having full confidence of your place in eternity. —RAB

WE BELIEVE AND THEREFORE SPEAK

The preaching of the apostles proceeded from hearts full of conviction. They had observed the miracles of Jesus: they had heard His teaching: three of them had been with Him in the Mount of Transfiguration, and had heard those words spoken from heaven, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him;" they had seen His composure as He was arrested in the Garden; they had carefully examined evidences of His resurrection, and had talked with Him, eaten with Him, felt of Him; they had watched as He ascended until a cloud received Him out of their sight. They believed! And so full were they of faith that their faith overflowed in words. They could not hold back that message which burned in their hearts.

They preached it everywhere: in the synagogues and in the temple; in the streets and from house to house; in governor's mansions and in prisons; in market places and from Mars Hill; on ships and in chariots; in upper rooms and on river banks.

They preached it to the rich and to the poor; to worshippers of God and to worshippers of idols; to the humble and to the proud; to the lowly and to the mighty; to the educated and to the uneducated; to the good and to the bad; to the moral and immoral.

They preached it to drunkards, to adulterers, to homosexuals, to idolaters, to sorcerers, to kings, to governmental officials, to army officers, to jailors, to ship captains, to beggars. They preached it, and preached it, and preached it! Because they preached it they were imprisoned, beaten, scourged, stoned, mocked, ridiculed, threatened; they were victims of lies, deceit, conspiracy, uproars, mob violence, shipwreck; ambush; they lived in poverty, often hungering, and with "no certain dwelling place;" but nothing could

stop them from preaching as long as they had breath. They believed, and their faith forced them to preach regardless of the consequences. They believed, and therefore spoke (2 Cor. 4:13).

What did they preach? They preached that message revealed to them by the Holy Spirit, God's divine message (1 Cor. 2:6-13). They had no time for opinions, human philosophies, or politics; nor was their faith centered upon such things. The message that burned in their hearts was a message concerning the Christ and salvation through Him. They believed in Christ, in the efficacy of His blood, and in the power of His gospel. They believed, and therefore they spoke that message, and that message only.

Faith! In that one word may lie the most important element of effective evangelism. When we come to believe as did those apostles; when we become so full of faith that we can hardly restrain ourselves; when the message of salvation burns within us as it did in them, we will be teaching others and we will be doing so effectively. Until then our words may contain an unmistakable emptiness that will render them powerless in changing the hearts of men.

—Bill Hall, via Gospel Power,
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Prayer List

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Sewell Hall, Elkton, TN, November 9-12
David Bonner, Pepper Road, December 5-7