

Faster, Faster!

Acts 5:12-42

The church of Spirit-filled believers will encounter great blessings and much persecution as they continue Christ's ministry.

The church that is continuing Christ's ministry will:

1. see the power of the gospel work in those who are poor in spirit. v12-16
Matthew 5:3, Ephesians 2:8-9
2. experience persecution from those who are prideful in spirit. v17-41
John 15:18-19, James 1:2-4
3. receive renewed strength and commitment from the Holy Spirit. v41-42
2 Corinthians 12:10, Philippians 3:8;

Luke 6:20-23

Jesus lifted up his eyes on his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you
and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!

Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold,
your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

The Christian that is bound by his own horizon, the church that lives simply for itself, is bound to die a spiritual death and sink into stagnancy and corruption. We never can thank God enough for giving us not only a whole Gospel to believe, but a whole world to give it to.

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