

Study Guide: *God's Spirit-filled Church Part 3: Lessons from the Early Church for the Last Days*
 Based upon Acts 3 – 4:31

Lesson #1: Prayer meeting is important!

Lesson #2: When people have low expectations of how we can help them, we can far exceed their expectations by giving them Jesus.

Acts 2:38	Acts 3:19
Repent,	Repent
and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins;	therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out,
and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.	so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,
	²⁰ and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before
Early church & last days Early rain outpouring of Holy Spirit Immediate forgiveness of sins	Early church & last days Latter rain outpouring of Holy Spirit Eschatological blotting out of sin in Heavenly Sanctuary

Lesson #3: Our message includes calling people to repent, be converted, be baptized, so that...sins will be blotted out, times of refreshing may come (the outpouring of the Holy Spirit), and Jesus will return.

- In Acts we see explosive church growth. It starts with 120 in Acts 1, then in Acts 2 three thousand people repent, are baptized, and added to the church. Now in Acts 3, 5000 people believe in the resurrected Christ.

Lesson #4: There is salvation only in the name of Jesus, whom God raised from the dead

Lesson #5: When faced with threats and opposition, listen to God, continue witnessing about the risen Christ, and pray for boldness to keep speaking, teaching, and healing in the name of Jesus.

- “We are to recognize human government as an ordinance of divine appointment, and teach obedience to it as a sacred duty, within its legitimate sphere. But when its claims conflict with the claims of God, we must obey God rather than men. God’s word must be recognized as above all human legislation. A “Thus saith the Lord” is not to be set aside for a “Thus saith the church” or a “Thus saith the state.” The crown of Christ is to be lifted above the diadems of earthly potentates” (Ellen G. White, *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 68).