

THE FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - BOLDNESS

Acts 4

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8

1. The source of boldness

- _____ the _____ (29)
- _____ the _____ (13)
- _____ the _____ (8,31)

2. The _____ of boldness

They were not timid in the way they ...

- _____ with Jesus (9-12)
- responded to _____ (13-22)
- _____ to God (23-31)
 - They affirmed God's sovereignty (24)

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever. Psalm 146:5-6

- They reminded themselves that the Bible promised _____ to the _____. (25-28)

"In a time of threat, prayer can be a rediscovery of the sovereign God who wins by letting our opponents win and then transforming the expected result. This rediscovery can keep God's witnesses faithful in spite of threats." R.C. Tannehil

- They _____ God for _____ (29-30)

- _____ for _____ (32-37)

3. The _____ of boldness

- God was glorified - "for all were praising God" (21)
- Authorities were _____ - "greatly annoyed" (2, 21)
- Many were saved - "about five thousand" (4)
- Christians were _____ - "one heart and soul" (32)
- Needy were cared for - "not a needy person" (34)

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31