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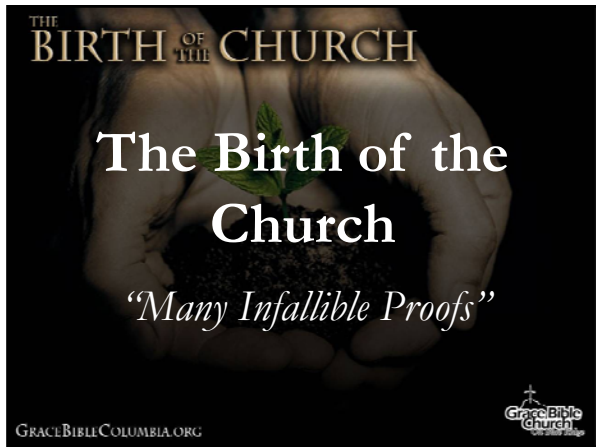
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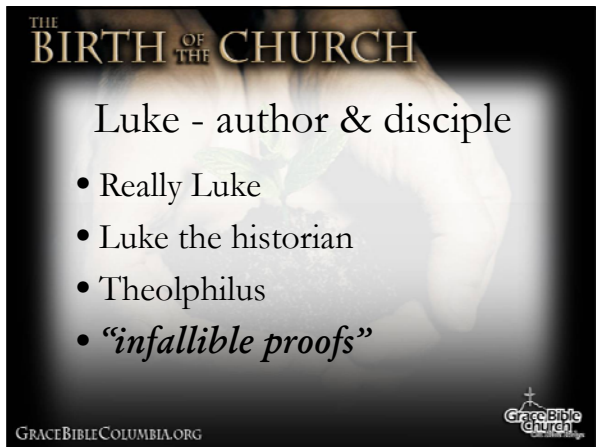
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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

*But the word of the Lord continued to grow and to be multiplied. Acts 12:24*

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

*The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, Acts 1:1*

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

*...until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen. Acts 1:2*

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

*To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God. Acts 1:3*

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

*Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; Acts 1:4*

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

*...for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Acts 1:5*

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

**The Command to Wait**

- Unique Event
- Necessary Event
- Distinguishing Event

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

*So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" Acts 1:6*

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

*He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; Acts 1:7*

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

*...but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."*

Acts 1:8

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

**The Promise of Power**

- Distraction from focus
- Demand for the work
- Dynamics of the person

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

*And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. Acts 1:9*

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

*And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. Acts 1:10*

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

*They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven." Acts 1:11*

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

**The Mandate to Witness**

- Every Saint's business
- Every Sinner's need

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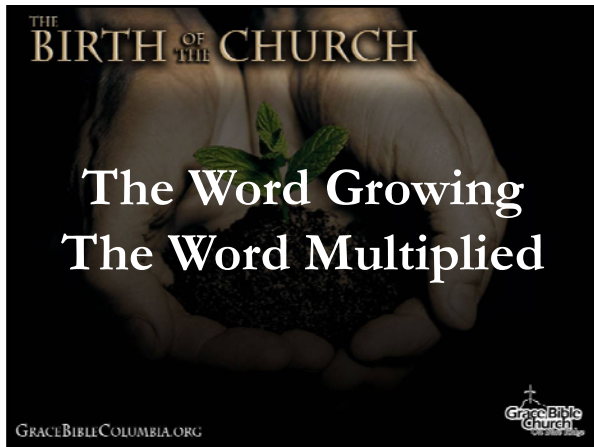
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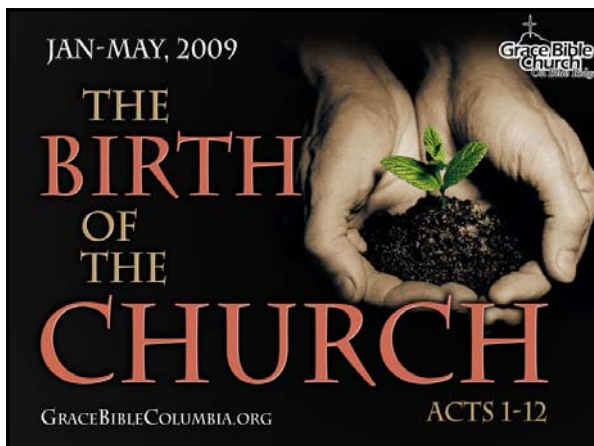
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