Let's Look at The Book of Acts ~ April 21, 2013 **"Smellin' Those Biscuits" Acts 6:1-15**



1 Now at this time while the disciples were increasing *in number*, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic *Jews* against the *native* Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving *of food*.

2 So the twelve **summoned the multitude of the disciples** and said, "It is not **pleasing** *(to God)* for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables.

3 Therefore, brethren, select *through scrutiny* from among you seven men *being witnessed to*, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task.
4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

5 The statement was *pleasing to all the multitude of disciples*; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon,

Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch.

6 And these they brought before the apostles; and after praying, they laid their hands on them.

7 The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people.

9 But some men from what was called the Synagogue of the Freedmen, *including* both Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and some from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and argued with Stephen.

10 But they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.

11 Then they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and *against* God."

12 And they stirred up the people, the elders and the scribes, and they came up to him and dragged him away and brought him before the Council.

13 They put forward false witnesses who said, "This man incessantly speaks against this holy place and the Law;

14 for we have heard him say that this Nazarene, Jesus, will destroy this place and alter the customs which Moses handed down to us."

15 And fixing their gaze on him, all who were sitting in the Council saw his face like the face of an angel.

- What does this text say about church polity?
- Administrators: a testimony of service to Christ's church...
- The priority of the Word...
- Ordination...
- Qualities of the servants of God...

Upcoming Events

- → For any of the classes listed below, please fill out a registration card found in the Foyer information area and place it in the drop-off slot or give to an usher, or you can now register online!
 @ www.lgministries.org under Class/Event Registration.
- April 22nd & 29th ~ Intensified Drama (Adult Education Class) ~ @ 6–7:30 pm in Classroom #1.
- C33 <u>Apríl 28th</u> ~ <u>Healing Service & Baptism</u> ~ you must have attended both baptism classes (4/14 & 4/21) in order to be baptized.
- C33 <u>April 28th</u> ~ Cupcake Wars ~ after service in the Fellowship Hall. This is a "fun" fundraiser event with proceeds going to purchase outside signage & banners for the church. To enter, sign up in the Foyer or email <u>office@lgministries.org</u>. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 per family & may be purchased in the foyer after services <u>or</u> online ~ click on: Donate/Cupcake Wars.
- C3 <u>May 4th</u> ~ Corporate Prayer @ 1:30–2:30 pm in the Chapel praying specifically for our <u>Military</u> and any other prayer needs.
- May 5th May 26th ~ Old Testament Survey (Adult Education Class)
 @ 8:45–9:45 am (Sundays for 4 weeks) in Classroom #1.
- May 6th June 24th ~ Living Free (Adult Education Class) ~
 <u>6–7:30 pm</u> (Mondays for 7 weeks/no class on 5/27 due to Memorial Day) in the Fellowship Hall.
- *June 2nd* ~ Child Dedication Class ~ @ 9:30–10 am in Classroom
 #1. Parents are required to attend this class if interested in having their child dedicated on 6/2.
- C3 June 2nd ~ Child Dedication (during service) ~ please register for the child dedication class (listed above) if you plan to have your child dedicated.

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