

Commissioned

Scripture

- 4 While he was with them, he commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father's promise. "Which," he said, "you have heard me speak about;
- 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit in a few days."
- 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, are you restoring the kingdom to Israel at this time?"
- 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.
- 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
- 9 After he had said this, he was taken up as they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight.
- 10 While he was going, they were gazing into heaven, and suddenly two men in white clothes stood by them.
- 11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up into heaven? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you have seen him going into heaven."
- 23 So they proposed two: Joseph, called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.
- 24 Then they prayed, "You, Lord, know everyone's hearts; show which of these two you have chosen
- 25 to take the place in this apostolic ministry that Judas left to go where he belongs."
- 26 Then they cast lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias and he was added to the eleven apostles.



Acts 1:4-11, 23-26 CSB

Additional Resources

Explore the Bible: Acts, Summer 2024; Biblegateway.com; preceptaustin.org; Biblehub.com/commentaries; The New American Commentary, Acts, John B. Polhill

Connect Church Notes

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God's Word - Devoted to Him

Facing the Future with Peace

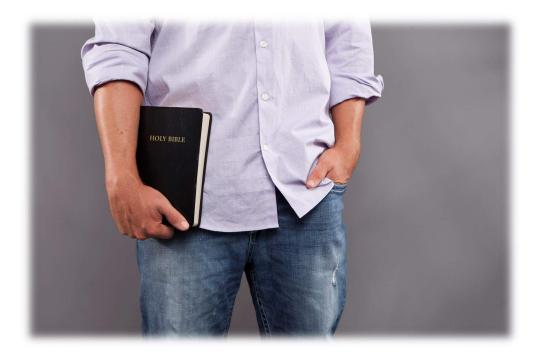
And they sang [to Jesus] a new song: "You are worthy... because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation."

Revelations 5:9

Never forget: Jesus Christ died to save people from even the most remote corner of the world—people you and I will never know during our lifetimes, but people we will be with in Heaven forever. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son...." (John 3:16). God's plan is universal! No tribe, no language group, no nation is beyond the scope of His love.

The same should be true of us. Jesus' words to His disciples have never been rescinded: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Not everyone is called of God to be a missionary or evangelist. But if you know Christ, you are a partner in His "grand design" to call men and women from every part of the world to Himself. By your prayers, your giving, your faithful witness, and your service, you can have an impact for the Gospel far beyond your homeland. How will you respond?



From Wisdom For Each Day

The changed life of a Christian is the only way that most unbelieving people will encounter Christianity.

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SCRIPTURE - Read the passage of the day

OBSERVATION - Write the point of the passage

APPLICATION - Ask yourself how this Scripture applies to your life

PRAYER - Ask God to help you use this Scripture

Empowered

Main Passage for June 9 – Acts 2:5-16, 36-38 CSB

Monday - Acts 2:5-6

Wednesday - Acts 2:12-13

Friday - Acts 2:36-38

Tuesday – Acts 2:7-11

Thursday - Acts 2:14-16

Saturday - Romans 3:23, 6:23, 10:9-10

Memory Verse: Acts 2:36

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know with certainty that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

Mission Statement

Glorifying God by connecting people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ





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Passing the Test

In Matthew 6, we find the familiar words, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (v.21).

I want you to notice that it doesn't say where your heart is, there your treasure will be also (even though many people quote and apply it as if it did). It basically says that your heart follows your treasure. That is why tithing represents a test for every Christian. Keep reading and you'll see what I mean.

The word translated "tithe" in the Bible literally means "tenth" or "a tenth part." And do you know what the number 10 represents all throughout the Bible? It represents *testing*.

Let me give you a few examples. How many plagues were there in Egypt? In other words, how many times did God test Pharaoh's heart? The answer is 10.

How many commandments are there? In other words, in how many ways is our obedience tested? The answer is 10.

How many times did God test Israel while they were wandering in the wilderness? And how many times did God test Jacob's heart (by allowing his wages to be changed) when he was working for Laban? Or how many days was Daniel tested in the first chapter of the book of Daniel? In each case, the answer is of course, 10.

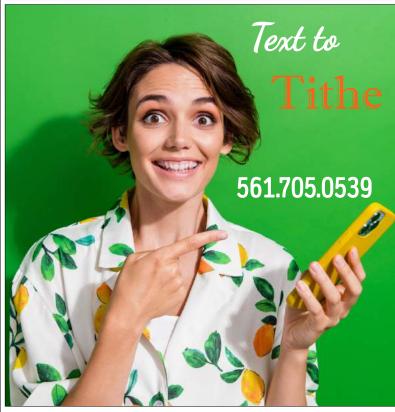
The pattern continues in the New Testament. In Matthew 25; 10 virgins had their preparedness tested. Ten days of testing are mentioned in Revelation 2:10. And, of course, Jesus had 10 disciples. (Actually, He had 12, but I was just testing you!)

What is true is that the number 10 is associated with testing throughout the Bible. And the tithe represents the ultimate "heart test" for the believer. But, more significantly, tithing is also the only area in which the Christian is invited to test God:

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it" (Mal. 3:10).

To be continued...
From The Blessed Life





Connect Church Prayer Request



To pray is to grasp heaven in one's arms, to embrace the deity within one's soul, and to feel one's body made a temple of the holy spirit. C. H. Spurgeon





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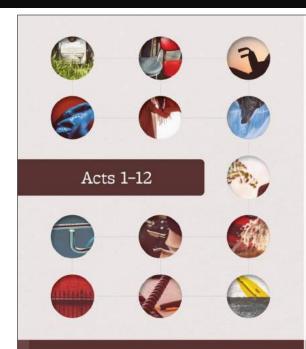
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Explore The Bible Summer 2024

Are You Ready For Sunday's Message?

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Costa Rica Mission Trip

June 1st - 8th

Parent / Child Dedication Class

June 9th

Father's Day

June 16th

VBS Leader Training & Decorating

June 23rd

Vacation Bible School

June 24th - 28th

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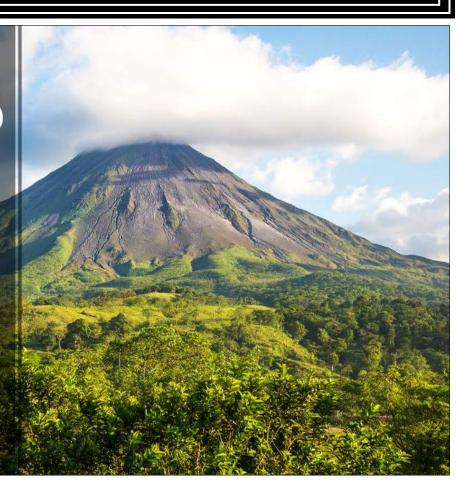


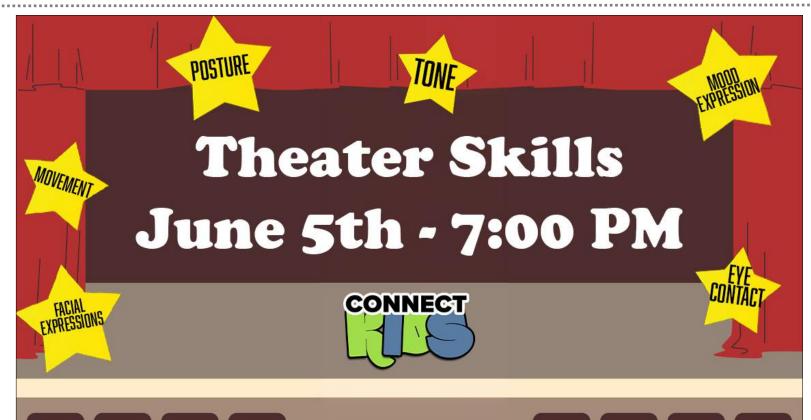


Costa Rica Mission Trip

June 1st - 8th
Pray for our
Connect Teens
as they minister
in Costa Rica













Breaker Rock Beach

Leader Training & Decorating Day

June 23rd - 11:45 AM

Children's Worship Room

Lunch Provided

Additional Info. - stacy.gatlin@cc.today











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