

Acts of the Apostles 9

Acts Chapter 6

Deacons Chosen

- :1 Disciples Multiplied-120 (Acts 1:15), 3000 (Acts 2:41), 5000 (acts 4:4)
Murmuring by Grecians (Hellenized Jews-influenced by and spoke Greek)
Their non- native widows were not regarded as highly as “relatives” in Jerusalem
- :2 2nd church business meeting (1st one to choose Matthias-Acts 1:15-26)
Apostles Solution-(12 already includes Matthias) **called** multitude
unreasonable for us to serve tables (daily tasks) ignoring preaching WOG
tables of the poor, collect for them, inspect their cases/ circumstances, and distribute accordingly to them; which required a good deal of time, care, thought
- :3 Instructions-choose 7 men-would be appointed over administration daily affairs
Honest report (reputation), full of HG (sold out) and wisdom
Deacons (attendants, servants) - 1 Tim.3:8-13
- :4 Reason-we (12) will pray and concentrate ministry (attendance) of the WOG
- :5 Chose 7 men including Stephen (Acts 6:8-7:60), Philip (Acts 8:5-13, 26-40, 21:8)
- :6 Apostles prayed and laid their hands on them (2 Tim.1:6, 1 Tim.4:4)
- :7 Result of Deacons chosen in an orderly, godly manner
WOG increased, people got saved-including Jewish priests
- #### **Stephen**
- :8 Full of faith and power (Holy Ghost-:5)
signs/wonders- were given to confirm WOG (Mk. 16:17-20) (1 Cor.13:8-11)
- :9 Opposition-synagogues-460-480 in Jerusalem
Libertines (‘freed men’-recognized by Roman gov.)---Cyrenians (Libya), Alexandrians (Egypt)
Cilicia (S. coast of Turkey-Acts 21:39)
- :10 Unable to resist (stand against) Stephen’s wisdom (:3), spirit (disposition-zeal, energy)
- :11 suborned (introduce by collusion) men to make accusations of blasphemy
- :12 Brought Stephen to the council
(Sanhedrin-72 men who had charge of civil and religious affairs of Jews)
- :13 False accusations against Steven
- :14 say this Jesus of Nazareth -destroy this place (temple-Mk.14:58), change customs
- :15 looked steadfastly-for change in countenance as charges voiced
Face of Angel-he manifested evidence of sincerity, fearlessness, confidence in God