

ACTS Building a Healthy Church

Christ's Faithfulness to His Bride

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Providence (Heidelberg Catechism): The Almighty, everywhere-present power of God, whereby, as it were by His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth with all creatures, and so governs them that herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, meat and drink, health and sickness, riches, and poverty, indeed, all things come not by chance, but by His Fatherly hand.

God provided **persecution** Acts 8:1-3

- “The blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church.”
- There’s no such thing as sacrifice in the Kingdom of God, only _____.
- “Carrying the cross does mean following in Jesus’ footsteps. And in His footsteps are rejection, broken heartedness, persecution, and death. There are not 2 Christs- an easy going one for easy going Christians, and a suffering one for exceptional believers. There is only one Christ. Are we willing to follow His lead?”—Hudson Taylor

God provided **messengers** Acts 8:4-5

1. Philip **modeled** the apostles who proclaimed Christ despite persecution.
2. Philip **took** personal ownership to obey Christ’s final words in Acts 1:8.
3. Philip **knew** Christ’s glorious promise of Matthew 16:18 would be fulfilled.

God provided **hearts to respond** Acts 8:6-8

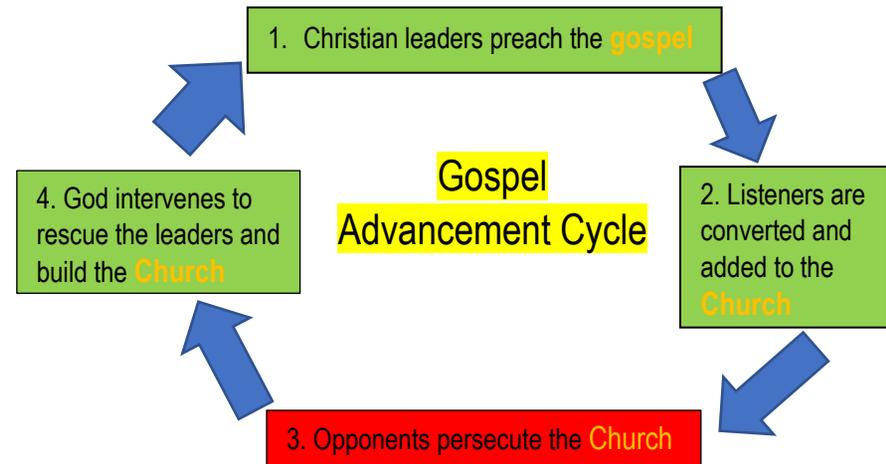
- What describes a Christian? “The life of God in the soul of man.”
- **Do we believe God still has people who will listen?**
- Harvest is plentiful in Christ! No field is unsuitable. Look outside the box.

God provided **an example of false conversion** Acts 8:9-24

- Personal prayer and repentance are the _____ to the deadly disease of sin.
- Simon wanted to use God for his own earthly gains.
- **What’s your end goal in following Christ?**

God provides **His Word** Acts 8:25-40

- Spirit directs us and _____ in evangelism!
- Do you know how to go from Scripture to the person of Jesus?
- There’s NO Kingdom advancement without _____ along with God’s _____.



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