

Chapter Five

Ministry to the Masses by Stephen, Philip, Barnabus, & Paul

1. The author says that the description of Stephen's ministry in the book of Acts is reminiscent of what? Pg. 66

2. Fill in the blanks: Stephen was one of the seven _____ and had the distinction of being the first _____ of the Church. Pg. 66

3. What did Stephen know about the Holy Spirit? Pg. 66

4. Fill in the blank: Another of the first seven deacons of the Church, Philip had the distinction of being the only _____ that the New Testament tells us about. Pg. 66

5. What same triad of elements is found in the ministry of Philip? Pg. 67

6. The author says that anything less than the "triad" above will be somewhat less than what? Pg. 67

7. Why did Philip have the attention of the multitudes like Christ before him? Pg. 67

8. What seriously questions the idea that healing and miracles are mysterious and sovereign acts of God? Pg. 67

9. The passage uses the word "sign" but reveals what these signs were exactly. What were they? Pg. 67-68

10. What kinds of conditions does the passage particularly point out as being healed? Pg. 68

11. Fill in the blank: The passage reveals that _____ were healed and delivered from unclean spirits? Pg. 68

12. The Gospels and Acts do not draw strong distinctions between healing and deliverance from evil spirits. The writers of Scripture express the same attitudes toward both aspects of ministry. What does this strongly suggest? Pg. 68

13. True or False? Christ, the Twelve apostles, Stephen and Philip treat demons and sickness in the same manner, always as an enemy. Pg. 68

14. Christ, the Twelve apostles, Stephen and Philip never do what? Pg. 68

15. What should anyone with “normal logic” see that Christ’s supernatural ministry through His servants would produce? Pg. 68

16. On the other hand, what will religious teaching suggest? Pg. 68

17. What will some who are confused by religious teaching do intuitively when they are sick? Pg. 68-69

18. What does Christ consistently do as the true revelation of the Father's love? Pg. 69.

19. Who was Simon? Pg 69

20. While Simon had some serious character problems, he was also became what? Pg. 69

21. What is absent from this account as in many other passages? Pg. 69

22. In Acts 14:1-3, Paul and Barnabus also duplicated the ministry of Christ. The author notes that Paul and Barnabus were speaking boldly about Christ. The author says that this is a prerequisite for what? Pg. 69-70

23. Fill in the blanks: In this verse, the _____ can be seen. On the human side of the equation, Barnabus and Paul who were _____ on the Lord. On the divine side of the equation was the risen Christ who was _____ to the word of His grace. Pg. 70

24. Fill in the blanks: On the human side of the equation, Paul and Barnabus were _____ the word of His grace. On the divine side of the equation, the risen Christ was bearing witness by _____ that signs and wonders be done by their hands. On the human side of the equation Paul and Barnabus' hands were _____ the signs and wonders. Pg. 70-71

25. A chapter later, in Acts 15:12, how is this divine balance again revealed? Pg. 71

26. True or False? Those who want to completely disconnect the power of God from human vessels do it without biblical license. Pg. 71

27. True or False? According to the author, those that want to emphasize the human side of the equation in the miraculous do it at the expense of the sovereignty of God seen clearly in the New Testament. Pg. 71

28. What will happen if believers fail to see the human side of the equation? Pg. 71

29. The author says that a general passage in Romans 15:18-19 seems to sum up, in many respects, Paul's theology of the miraculous and what else? Pg. 71

30. Paul's lack of hesitation (willingness) to do what would invite criticism today? Pg. 71-72

31. True or False? Modern attitudes towards healing and miracles are often in harmony with biblical values. Pg. 72

32. What does the author say that the phrase "...what Christ has accomplished through me..." reveals again. Pg. 72

33. What was the result of Christ working through Paul? Pg. 72

34. What does the author speculate that the message that Paul was preaching was? ? Why? Pg. 72

35. What was responsible for Paul's success? Pg. 72

36. What is necessary to “fully preach the gospel of Christ”? Pg. 72

37. Fill in the blanks: Paul understood that the power of signs and wonders _____ was the only way to fully preach the gospel and to bring the _____ of the Gentiles to _____ to Christ. Pg. 72

38. Laborers in the harvest must be equipped to do what? Pg. 73

39. What affirmed the apostleship of the apostle Paul? Pg. 73

40. Paul reveals that believers should be able to distinguish a true apostle by what? Pg. 73

41. Why are alternative explanations of apostleship often given? Pg. 73

42. True or False? The power to heal is limited to apostles. Pg. 73

43. What two gifts are listed with seven other gifts that the Holy Spirit gives? Pg. 74

44. True or False? Paul does not show that one gift in particular is to be desired above the others. Pg. 74

45. True or False? The gifts of healing and effecting of miracles require more faith and greater spirituality than the other gifts. Pg. 74

46. How else is the phrase “effecting of miracles” translated? Pg. 74

47. Fill in the blank: The gift of working miracles is to _____ Pg, 74

48. The very name of this gift reveals what? Pg. 74

49. In 1 Corinthians 12:28, Paul reveals that some are appointed in the Church to do miracles and healing in the same way that some are appointed as what? Pg. 74

50. What has changed so that gifted individuals in local churches can learn how to function in supernatural giftings? Pg. 75

51. The final general description of the ministry of Christ’s Disciples is found in Hebrews 2:3-4. The writer of Hebrews relates that the original witnesses of Christ confirmed the word of Christ to them. The author says this sound similar to what? Pg. 75-76

52. Who bore witness with the original hearers and how was that witness made? Pg. 76

53. What does the author say is clear concerning God’s will? Pg. 76
