much I missed my home church? Would I have complained about how hard it was on the kids to start over in a new place? Probably!

But there's no hint of complaint among those displaced believers--only an enthusiastic witness to Christ the risen Lord. After being "scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria," they "went everywhere preaching the Word" (Acts 8:1,4).

What began in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost was not tied to geography, peace, or prosperity. It was the Spirit in them fulfilling Jesus' promise in Acts 1:8, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

When God allows difficult circumstances in our lives--a lost job, a demanding family need, a relocation to another city, state, or country--can we see His hand and sense His power? May we be like those early Christians, accepting the Lord's leading and joyfully proclaiming His Word wherever we are. --DCM



The Holy Spirit gives us
power
To witness far and wide,
Equipping us to do God's
work
And changing us inside. -Sper

The power that compels us comes from the Spirit who indwells us.

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Information for Visitors.

- * We're glad you're here. Sit back, <u>relax</u>, and enjoy the service. You're very welcome to join us for a cuppa after church.
- * <u>a Cubbies programme</u> is normally provided, during the sermon for the **toddler to Kindy age bracket.**

Scattered

Those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the Word. -- Acts 8:4

If I had been among the early Christians forced to leave Jerusalem because of persecution (Acts 8:1), what would I have said to my new neighbors? Would I have reminisced about how



Get Ready

(Philippians 1:15-18) "Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from good will: {16} The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains; {17} but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel. {18} What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice."



We seek to communicate 3 facts about our Lord Jesus:

1. Jesus is in the , Mark 2:1-11

(Psalms 51:4) "Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight; That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge."

(John 1:1) "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

(John 1:14) "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."



(1 Timothy 3:16) "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh...."

(Colossians 2:9) "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;"

(Hebrews 1:1-3) "God, ..., {2} has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; {3} who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,"

(Matthew 16:15-17) "He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" [16] Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." [17] Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."

2. Jesus is the ______ from ______, Mark 15:33-39

(Isaiah 53:6) "All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

(Isaiah 59:2) "But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear."

(1 Peter 2:24) "who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to

sins, might live for righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed."

(2 Corinthians 5:21) "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

(Mark 10:45) ""For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.""



3. Jesus is the of , Mark 16:1-8



(1 Corinthians 15:3-8) "For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, {4} and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, {5} and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. {6} After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. {7} After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. {8} Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time."

(Romans 6:5) "For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,"

(2 Corinthians 5:17) "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

(Romans 10:9) "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."