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Zeal or Knowledge?

Acts 1:8 Witnesses unto me

Not “for me” “about me” “with me” but UNTO me (to me)

In other words; lead other people to me.

The power was to lead Israel to their Messiah (The Anointed)

For the purpose of national repentance so the kingdom could come.

In essence, pointing others to Christ.

Directly in response to the commissions Christ gave in the gospels.

This was their Ministry

The message was rather simple. (“repent”)

The Holy Spirit was given to teach them what to say when they needed it.

Tongues were available to break the language barrier.

Signs were given to legitimize the message and the man.

They had to **LEAD** Israel to Christ because Israel was **LOST** Jer 50:6

2 Cor 5:17-21 The commission for the body of Christ.

2 Cor 5:14 The love of Christ is our motivation.

We don't “**lead**” because we were not “**lost**”

We **RECONCILE** because we were **ENEMIES, Aliens, Strangers, no hope, without God.**

Eph 2:12-19

Christians do not understand this because it's not “church language”

Rom 10:1-4 “Zeal of God, but not according to knowledge”

Didn't the Jews prove this all the time? Paul says “I bear them record”

The problem = “ignorant of **God's Righteousness.**”

Rom 2:17-20 “the form of knowledge”

The Jews problem was their knowledge.

They had a form of knowledge that was resting in the law.

Paul sums up the argument = 20-28

The Jews had the ZEAL, but were ignorant of the KNOWLEDGE.

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Paul's encouragement to us:

I Cor 8:1 Knowledge puffeth up

I Corinthians is Paul's expose on being puffed up. 4:6, 4:18, 4:19, 5:2, 13:4,

I Cor 4:18-21, Paul's challenge to the Corinthians.

Rom 11:33, Knowledge is coupled with Wisdom

Rom 15:14 Knowledge is coupled with Goodness

I Cor 8:1 Knowledge is coupled with Charity

II Cor 6: 1-10 Knowledge is coupled with Patience, pureness, longsuffering, kindness, Love.

II Cor 8:7 Knowledge is coupled with faith, utterance, diligence, love, grace.

Phil 1:9 Knowledge is coupled with Love and judgment.

II Cor 7:11 **Correct Biblical knowledge in us should produce a zeal that is according to Knowledge!**

Paul's stern correction in the book of I Corinthians produced a zeal to proper works.

II Cor 9:2 **Zeal mixed with knowledge and all these other attributes will provoke others!**

The Corinthians were an encouragement to others.

We are all called to be Ministers

Forget your old church language. This would NOT be just me.

We are all to minister.

Knowledge is absolutely REQUIRED to minister!!!

Knowledge must be delivered with all the other attributes Paul couples it with.

Our knowledge mixed with love and patience can accomplish much.

The Fact is clear; Christians for the most part are not interested in what we want to share.

We need to be reconciling the world to Christ.

This requires us to talk to the unsaved.

When they say the Bible don't make sense, AGREE WITH THEM.

Then share your knowledge mixed with love and grace to reconcile them to Christ.

Our knowledge if it's not mixed with love and grace can put us in a similar situation as the Jews.