



# ***Power Share***

*Acts 1:1-11 (Topical Message)*

I have been thinking a lot lately as I get older about the phrase

***” The More Things Change – The More Things Stay the Same”***

***What do I mean by that?***

Man has from the beginning been trying to fill the God shaped hole in his heart with every other thing than God by changing circumstances & things around him, in an attempt to fill the hole in his heart!

***So, man tries to and CHANGES things in his life to fill the hole!***

***Man's Issue*** - The hole in man's heart can only be filled by God, because God designed it that way prior to the fall.

***What do man's attempt of hole filling look like in our society today?***

***Substitution Examples:*** Career, Money, Drugs, Sex, Alcohol, Spouse, Children, Parents, Church, Institutions, Worldly Philosophies, Being Religious, etc.

None of these things will ever fill the God shaped hole in man's heart that he was born into this world with. Nothing will BUT God.

**But Man Tries & Tries & Tries** (Until He Believes the Gospel Message and becomes Spiritually Alive) – ***“The More Things Change, The More Things Stay the Same”***.

This reminds me of a definition of ***“Insanity”*** – ***Doing the same thing over and over again expecting a different result.***

***Here's my updated definition of “Insanity” – Continually trying to fill the hole in one's heart with things of the world, and expecting it will meet ones need”***

Today I want to look at the responsibility of the Christian today in sharing the Good News of Gospel Message as the solution to man's spiritual problem by examining Acts 1:1-11.

This has always been important, but during the Global Pandemic, is even more critical to share the Gospel.

But when we share the Gospel, we aren't alone. Thus, the title of my message ***"Power Share"***.

Today we will learn that:

***1. Christ is Alive***

***2. Christ's Promise***

***3. Christ's Return***

***4. Christ's Power Share Plan***

***5. Christ's Accession***

## Acts 1:1-11 (NASB)

<sup>1</sup> The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when He was taken up *to heaven*, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen. <sup>3</sup> To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over *a period of forty days* and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," *He said*, "you heard of from Me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." <sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; <sup>8</sup> but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." <sup>9</sup> And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

# Christ's Power Share Plan

## Acts 1:8 (NASB)

<sup>8</sup> but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Christ says to the Apostles that they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be my witnesses

## **Power** -Transliterated Word: *dunamis*

**Definition:** (miraculous) *power, might, strength*: -- **List of English Words and Number of Times Used** - ability (4), miraculous powers (3), power (83), strength (2)

## **Witness** -Transliterated Word: *martus*

**Definition:** *a witness*: -- **List of English Words and Number of Times Used** - witness (12), witnesses (23)

***Witness [Dictionary Definition]*** – One Who Gives Evidence or Proof

Christ tells the Apostles that they will have power & be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria and then to the remotest parts of the earth:

***A POWERFUL WITNESS – AMEN!***

If you know Christ as your savior today. It is a result of the Apostles witnessing with power 2000 years ago. Witnessing is sharing the Gospel verbally to those who don't know Christ.

The Gospel went out to all the ends of the earth starting in Jerusalem 2000 years ago. The same Holy Spirit that was in the Apostles, is the same Holy Spirit that is in you and me if you are a believer.

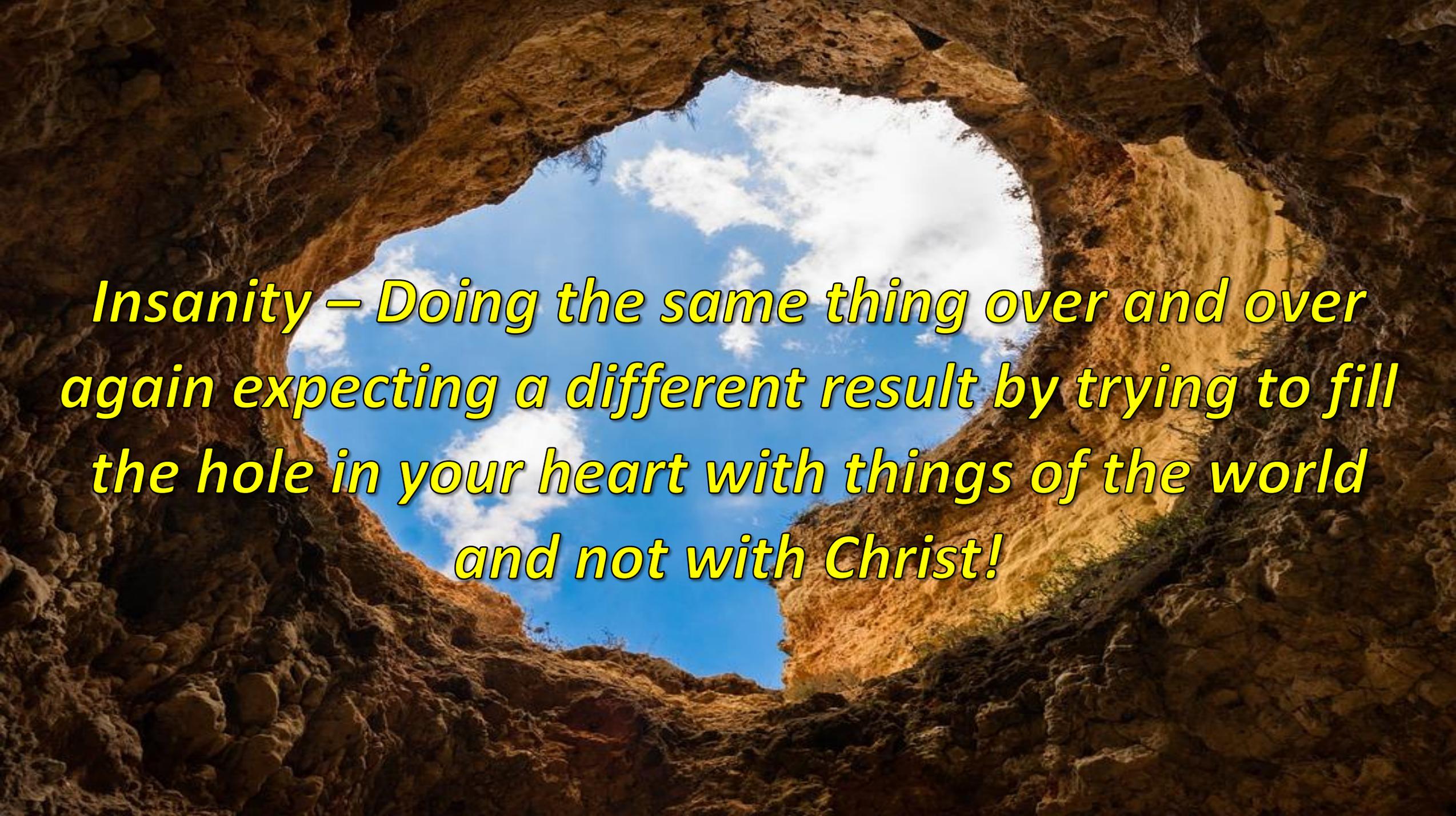
***ALL Believers can be a powerful witness!***

**Brothers & Sisters** – The time is now to share the Gospel.

**This is Christ's Power Share Plan for the world.** To share the Gospel to those who don't know Him.

**Brothers & Sisters** – This includes all of us (not the Pastor, Elder, Ones who went to seminary, evangelism class, etc.). The time is now. If God leads someone to you that is trying to fill the hole in their heart (tell them it can only be filled by God) – believing the Gospel Message.

**YOU are a POWERFUL Witness and part of Christ's Power Sharing Plan!**



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# *Power Share*

*Starts with Understanding*

*Christ is Alive*

*Christ's Promise*

*Christ will Return*

*Christ's Power Share Plan*

*Christ's Accession*

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