

Zeal Firepower of The Church

Introduction

- We are blessed we have the completed written Word of God containing all of God's Truth
- We are thankful we can study and know His Truth
- But besides knowledge, we must have zeal in order to vigorously live according to the gospel
- Zeal figuratively means to be hot or boil

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Introduction

- Warning against zeal without knowledge
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- Zeal is the firepower of the Lord's church
- Where is my zeal?
- Study what happened to set the church on fire to spread the gospel and live for Christ even if it meant death

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Zeal Without Knowledge Condemned

Rom 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for *their* salvation.

Rom 10:2 For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge.

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Zeal Without Knowledge Condemned

Rom 10:3 For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.

Rom 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

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Knowledge Without Zeal Condemned

Rev 3:15 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot.

Rev 3:16 'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.

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Raised Jesus Appears To Two Disciples

Luk 24:13 And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem.

Luk 24:14 And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place.

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Luk 24:15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and *began* traveling with them.

Luk 24:16 But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him.

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Their Disappointment After Jesus' Death

Luk 24:17 And He said to them, "What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?" And they stood still, looking sad.

Luk 24:18 One *of them*, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, "Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?"

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Their Disappointment After Jesus' Death

Luk 24:19 And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people,

Luk 24:20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him.

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Their Disappointment After Jesus' Death

Luk 24:21 "But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened.

Luk 24:22 "But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning,

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Their Disappointment After Jesus' Death

Luk 24:23 and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive.

Luk 24:24 "Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see."

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Jesus' Rebuke and Explanation

Luk 24:25 And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

Luk 24:26 "Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?"

Luk 24:27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

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Luk 24:28 And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther.

Luk 24:29 But they urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is *getting* toward evening, and the day is now nearly over." So He went in to stay with them.

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Luk 24:30 When He had reclined *at the table* with them, He took the bread and blessed *it*, and breaking *it*, He *began* giving *it* to them.

Luk 24:31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.

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Luk 24:32 They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"

Luk 24:33 And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them,

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Luk 24:34 saying, "The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon."

Luk 24:35 They *began* to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

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Burning Zeal Continued In Spreading The Gospel

Act 4:16 saying, "What shall we do with these men? For the fact that a noteworthy miracle has taken place through them is apparent to all who live in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.

Act 4:17 "But so that it will not spread any further among the people, let us warn them to speak no longer to any man in this name."

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Burning Zeal Continued In Spreading The Gospel

Act 4:18 And when they had summoned them, they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

Act 4:19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge;

Act 4:20 for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard."

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Burning Zeal Continued In Spreading The Gospel

Act 5:25 But someone came and reported to them, "The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!"

Act 5:26 Then the captain went along with the officers and *proceeded* to bring them *back* without violence (for they were afraid of the people, that they might be stoned).

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Burning Zeal Continued In Spreading The Gospel

Act 5:27 When they had brought them, they stood them before the Council. The high priest questioned them,

Act 5:28 saying, "We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this man's blood upon us."

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Burning Zeal Continued In Spreading The Gospel

Act 5:29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.

Act 5:30 "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross.

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Burning Zeal Continued In Spreading The Gospel

Act 5:31 "He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Act 5:32 "And we are witnesses of these things; and so *is* the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

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Burning Zeal Continued In Spreading The Gospel

Act 17:2 And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures,

Act 17:3 explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and *saying*, "This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ."

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Burning Zeal Continued In Spreading The Gospel

Act 17:4 And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along with a large number of the God-fearing Greeks and a number of the leading women.

Act 17:5 But the Jews, becoming jealous and taking along some wicked men from the market place, formed a mob and set the city in an uproar; and attacking the house of Jason, they were seeking to bring them out to the people.

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Act 17:6 When they did not find them, they *began* dragging Jason and some brethren before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have upset the world have come here also;

Act 17:7 and Jason has welcomed them, and they all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus."

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What About My Zeal Today?

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,

Tit 2:12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

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What About My Zeal Today?

Tit 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,

Tit 2:14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

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