

ACTS

OF THE APOSTLES

STUDY 21

ACTS 6:1-7

FORMER ADVENTIST FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY

At the same time the apostles were being apprehended in Jerusalem for healing and preaching in the name of Jesus, the church was growing. Chapter six opens with the insight that the gospel was growing among not only the Aramaic/Hebrew-speaking Jews in Palestine but also among the Greek-speaking Jews who had been dispersed outside Palestine.

1. Where else do we read about Hellenists and Hebrews, and what do we learn about them?

Acts 9:26-30 _____

Acts 11:19-21 _____

John 7:35 _____

2 Corinthians 11:21-22 _____

Philippians 3:5 _____

2. Verse three lists the qualifications for these new deacons. How does this list compare with the lists in the pastoral epistles, and how do the qualifications for deacons differ from those for elders?

Acts 6:2-3 _____

1 Timothy 3:1-13 _____

3. What was the primary purpose in appointing these deacons, and where else do we read instructions for providing food for widows and the needy?

Acts 4:33-37 _____

Acts 9:36-41 _____

Acts 11:27-30 _____

1 Timothy 5:3-8 _____

4. What primary characteristics qualified these men for service, and what did it mean for them to be “full of the Spirit and of wisdom” if believers all are filled with the Spirit?

Acts 2:1-4 _____

Acts 4:24-31 _____

Acts 13:46-52 _____

5. The seven men chosen were Stephen, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas. What do these names tell us about these men, and what is the significance of Nicolas being a “proselyte”?

6. Stephen and Philip are the only two of the seven who receive further notice in the New Testament. Stephen we will study in the next chapter; what else do we know about Philip?

Acts 8:5-40 _____

Acts 21:8-9 _____

7. What is the significance of the laying on of hands in the Old Testament? In the New Testament?

Old Testament:

Genesis 48:8-16 _____ Leviticus 1:3-4 _____

Numbers 8:9-11 _____ Numbers 27:18-23 _____

Deuteronomy 34:9 _____

New Testament:

Acts 8:14-17 _____ Acts 13:1-3 _____

Acts 19:1-7 _____ Acts 28:7-8 _____

Mark 1:40-42 _____ Mark 5:21-24 _____

Mark 10:13-16 _____ 1 Timothy 4:11-16 _____

1 Timothy 5:17-22 _____ 2 Timothy 1:6-7 _____

Hebrews 6:2 _____

8. What would have been the impact of priests “becoming obedient to the faith”?

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9. Have you been set apart for work for God? When have you known that God was directing you toward a specific work? How did you know? How has God ministered to you through the confirmation of brothers/sisters in Christ?

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.” 1 Peter 2:24-25, NIV