Subject: "Praxeis"
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While "Praxeis" mentions many different apostles, it is actually an account of the Apostle Peter and the Apostle Paul.

Luke tells us that all Jesus began to do and teach until He was taken up, "after" He (Jesus) through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles.

When Jesus rose from the dead He gave many infallible proofs the Bible tells us.

Infallible:
adjective
1.
absolutely trustworthy or sure:
an infallible rule.
2.
unfailing in effectiveness or operation; certain:
an infallible remedy.
3.
not fallible; exempt from liability to error, as persons, their judgment, or pronouncements:
an infallible principle.

This is a positive and faithful account from men and women who seen and heard Jesus after He rose from the dead. They saw Him for a period of forty days and He was telling them about things that pertained to the kingdom of God.

These are people who walked with Jesus for three years and followed His ministry. The Lord told the pharisees that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins while on the earth. Many times He told people your sins are forgiven go and sin no more.

At other times we see where people told Him we believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. You have the words of eternal life. We believe your the Christ. They did not always understand everything clearly but they knew this was the Son of God.

I think we can safely affirm that these people were born again believers in Christ. Sins forgiven, faith in that; God was who He said He was. They repented of their sins and chose to follow Jesus.

Jesus goes on to tell them I want you to go to Jerusalem because John baptized you with water and not many days from now you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:1-5

A Prophecy in Joel 2 tells us that "afterward" I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh. That whole book has prophetic meaning concerning the end of time.

But before Jesus ascended the apostles ask Him; Lord will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?

Jesus told them "It is not for you to know the times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority." Interesting statement, but Jesus turns the conversation back to them with: You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.

The power of God is available to those who see and believe that the Holy Spirit has come upon them. He will be with you and He will be in you the scriptures tells us. When God pours out His Spirit they will have dreams and visions according to Joel's prophecy.

Quote:
John 8:31
Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

Proverbs 4:20
My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.

Proverbs 8:8
All the words of my mouth are with righteousness; Nothing crooked or perverse is in them.

Proverbs 19:27
Cease listening to instruction, my son, And you will stray from the words of knowledge.

Proverbs 22:17
Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, And apply your heart to my knowledge;

One of the purposes of the Baptism is that we are witnesses of the truth. Having not seen or heard as the apostles had, Jesus said blessed are your eyes who believe having not seen.

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