

The Missing Witness

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Acts 1:6.

B. The most fruitful time in a Christian's life is when they first come to faith. (John 20:30)

II. The promise: the disciples would receive power. A Christian's power comes from the cross.

III. The plan: Jesus was giving power to witness.

A. This is more than just talking about Jesus.

B. This is witnessing to the holiness of God by the way one lives his or her life.

C. People have rejected a caricature of Christ created by Christians who do not take Jesus seriously.

D. All that we do and all that we are will witness to the risen victorious Christ.

E. The whole message that the first Christians had was about the risen Christ.

F. The risen Christ was a proof of judgment to come. (Acts 13, Acts 17)

G. Witnessing requires a death to self. (Galatians 2:20)

Application questions:

1. What does it mean to be a witness to the risen victorious Jesus?

2. Why is power necessary for witnessing to Jesus?

3. How can you be a better witness? Explain.
