



Eras come and go. Seasons change, circumstances rearrange, priorities can be exchanged.

Eras come and go and praise the Lord that this is so. For in the moment God's Spirit falls, and one of creation hears the call, in that one's heart he does repent, his life becomes a sacrament, an outward display because of the work of the Way.

This much is true, the One who makes all things new, loves you. Perfect as He is, He waves His hand and will do the work inside of you, if only you would ask Him to.

Eras come and go, here's what you need to know, there is a movement that stands the test of time, because its authority is divine. Abundant and everlasting life He offers, worth far more than what's in the coffers. Eras come and go, but the grace of Jesus has an end, no.

Big Idea: A New Era often begins at major life events; the truth is a new era can begin on any given day.

I. God's Work Brings About a New Era [Acts 1:1-11]

Application: Live your daily life with being aware of how God is working and with an expectation of what He will do.

II. God's Power on Display Which was Foretold Also Faces Opposition [Acts 2:1-20]

Application: Have confidence based on how you know God acts as it's been displayed in His Word and in your life.

III. God's Pursuit Exists So You May Know Him [Acts 2:21-24]

Seek the one who is the Giver of gifts; not selfishly the gift.

Application: Pray for your heart to receive the gift and in response, ask "How can I use this gift for God?"

IV. God Is the Source of Life and Gladness [Acts 2:25-28]

Application: Incline your ear to the Wisdom of God and listen, trust, and obey His Word so that you may have abundant life, here and in eternity.

V. God's Plan Is Sovereign [Acts 2:29-36]

Application: Trust God because He has always seen, and knows all things.

VI. God Has a Calling for You [Acts 2:37-47]

Application: Live your life in response to what God has done and in belief of what He is going to do.

VII. God Wants Something for You [Matthew 7:24-27]

Application: Rebuke the lie that says all religion is a bunch of rules because God, or man, wants something from me, and accept the truth that God's instruction is because He wants something good for you.

Study Question [Challenge and Prayer]

Question: Do you need to begin a new era in your life? If so, what needs to begin, end, or be altered to get the desired outcome?

Challenge: Take time this week to sit down and journal as you look back on your life in the different eras.

[a] Which eras were filled with joy and had purpose?

[b] Which eras were hard and brought about self-destruction?

[c] How did you transition from one era to another? Did God work in these things?

[d] In all these seasons, did you see God working? Can you look back and see where He was working?

[e] What is God prompting you to change so that you can receive what He has for you?

Prayer: Ask God to [1] do the work in your heart that only He can do by filling it with the Holy Spirit, and [2] show you what needs to be removed and what needs to be embraced in your life.



[Acts 1:8-11 ESV] ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

[Matthew 7:24-27 ESV] ²⁴ "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

[Acts 2:17-20, 24-28, 31, 34-37, 39-47 ESV] ¹⁷ "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ... ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵ For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." ... ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ... ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool." ³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ... ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. ⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.