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***Pentecost Continues…***

1. **The Book of Acts continues** today because Pentecost will continue until the Bride goes up in the Rapture.
2. **Is the 21st century Church** in a Hebrew pattern living out a parallel to Pentecost?

*This culture wants to* ***name you.***

*It wants to* ***tame you ~ Mark Batterson***

**Acts 6:1-7**

***Our Name: Servant of the Most High God***

1. **Full of the Spirit** and wisdom is a requirement to be a servant of God.
2. **James 1:27** A servant who looks after widows has a pure and faultless faith.
3. **V:4** We must increase the attention to prayer and the ministry of the Word.
4. **Stephen was anointed** for servanthood. The number of disciples increased including reaching Jewish priests.
5. **This level of service** had a great impact on Jerusalem and then Samaria.
6. **Stephen preached** and die for his obedience to God.
7. **Phillip preached** & cast out demons.

**Acts 6:8-9**

***Servants & Truth***

1. **Servants are more than** a person who does a task at church and goes home.
2. **Servants are** instruments of God’s truth.
3. **Servanthood** changes the world. We are all servants of Christ.

**Acts 6:10-13**

***Secret Persuasion***

1. **In the last day**, the apostate church will bring charges against believers.
2. **These charges are false**, yet they were powerful accusations that Stephen was against the temple and the law.
3. **Stephen will** teach them about Moses, the temple, and the law in Chapter 7 and it will surprise them.
4. **They accuse** Jesus of blaspheming and they will accuse you. Matthew 26:65
5. **Some will** turn us into the authorities thinking they are doing society a favor.
6. **Others will** categorize you as the problem.
7. **Jesus is** calling His church out of the world to be sanctified. (Set apart) John 15:19

**Acts 6:14-14**

***The Real Issues***

1. **Matthew 24:2** “Not one stone will be left upon another.” Jesus did say the temple would be destroyed. (People don’t understand The Word.)
2. **Changing the customs** of Moses was a big deal, but why? People fight over not changing customs more than over changing God’s Word.
3. **They want to name you.**
4. **They want to tame you.**
5. **They want to keep you from** proclaiming the transforming power of Jesus Christ.