JEHOVA'S WITNESSES GOD,HOLY SPIRIT,APOSTLES,MIRACLES.

Ac.14,17 Neverthe less He left not Himself without witness.

Speaking to the apostles,Jesus said,Ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you:and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem,and Judea,and Samaria,and unto the uttermost parts of the earth., Ac.1,8.--Verse 2 After that He had given commandments unto the apostles whom He had chosen,recorded in Mt.10,1&2. Also in Mk.3,13-15.The apostles were His chosen witnesses,they could witness to His baptism by John,the holy Ghost descending on Him,and the testimony This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.And again at His transfiguration Mk.9,1-10,The water changed to wine,Healing the sick,Lepers healed.dead raised,wind and waves calmed.And the greatest of all,His resurrection from the dead,. Very important also was they could witness to the fact that He fulfilled all that the prophets foretold of Him,further Proof that He was the Son of God the saviour of the world.Which things we are compelled to believe in order to obtain remission of our sins.Can any one in this age testify to any thing that has happened to them that we are obliged to believe in order to be saved?? John ending His gospel,Jn.20,30 Declares,These signs truely did Jesus in the presence of His disciples,and many others which are not written in this book;but these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ,the Son of God;and that believeing,ye might have life through His name. These things written by the apostles were to make us believe in order to be saved,redeemed,Delivered from the power of darkness,and translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son,in whom we ~~ha~~ have redemption through His blood,even the forgiveness of sins,Col.2,13.

Jn.15,26 But when the Comforter is come,whom I will send unto you From the Father,even the Spirit of Truth,which proceedeth from the Father,He shall testify of me:And ye also shall bear witness,because ye have been with me from the beginning.Ac.1,15-26 records choosing one to take Judas' place,also to fulfill prophecy,Qualifications,verse 21 Wherefor o of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went out among us,beginning from the baptism of John,unto the day He was taken up from ~~as~~ among us,must one be ordained to be a witness with us of His resurrection.These were the requirements for one to be a witness.No one today can meet these requirements.

John the Baptist bore witness.Jn.1,6,8 There was a man sent from God whose name was John.The same came for a witness,to bear witness of that light,that all men through Him might ~~live~~ believe.Also verse 15. Jn.5,31Jesus speaking,If I bear witness of myself,my witness is not true. There is another that beareth witness of me;and I know that the witness which He witnesseth of me is true.And the Father which hath sent me hath born witness of me. The works that I do,bear witness of me.

Lu.24,44-48 Jesus reminding the apostles of the things which He had fulfilled which were spoken by the prophets,"And ye are witnesses of these thfngs." Ac.5,32 Peter preaching,The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a prince and a saviour,for to give repentance to Israel,and forgiveness of sins.And we are witnesses of these things,and so is also the Holy Ghost whom God hath given to them that obey Him.

Ac.2,32 Peterstanding up with the eleven,referring to David's prophecy,concernoig the resurrection of Christ,Verses 29-31This Jesus hath God raised up,whereof we all are witnesses(Peter with the eleven).

Ac.4,33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Ac10,43 Peter speaking.To Him gave all the prophets witness,that through His name,whosoever believeth in Him shall have remission of sins.Ac.3,21 Yea,all the prophets from Samuel and those that have followed after have likewise told of these days.

God bore the apostles witness that they were His witnesses and revealers of His will,Mk.16,15 Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature,he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved,but he that believeth not shall be damned,17 And these sign shall follow them that believe;in my name shall they cast out devils they shall speak with new tongues,and other miracles.Verse 20 And they went every where and preached the word,the Lord working with them,confirming the word with signs following. These signs followed the apostles. And Paul informs us in 2 Cor.12,12 Truely the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience,in signs and wonders and mighty deeds. The signs of an apostle. Ac.2,43And many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.Ac.3,1-11 The lame man.Ac.5,1-12 Annanias and Sapphira. Ac.5,17-20 The apostles freed from prison.Ac.8,6And the people with one accord gave heed to the things which Philip spake,seeing and hearing the miracles which he did.Verse 14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God,they sent unto them Peter and John; who when they were come down,prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost, For as yet He was not fallen on any of them then laid they their hands on them,and they received the Holy Ghost.

The apostles had the power to impart the Holy Ghost by prayer and laying on of their hands.Ac.19,6--

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Ac.19,11-12And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: so that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons,and the diseases departed from them. Gal.2,8For He that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship Of the circumcision,the same w was mighty in me toward the Gentiles.

Other signs and wonders by the apostles. Ac.5.1-10 Annanias and Sapphira lied to God-perished.--Ac.20,10Eutichus raised to life by paul. Ac.13.8-11Elymas blinded for subtility and mischief,withstanding the gospel.--Ac.16,25,26. Paul and Silas freed from prison.

Ac.10,39-41 Peter adressing the first Gentile converts.And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem;whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God raised up and shewed Him openly; not to all the people,but unto witnesses chosen before of God,even to us who did eat and drink with Him after He arose from the dead.

Is not this enough evidence as to who was qualified to bear witness to the Son of God?

We also read in 2 Cor.3,6 That the apostles were made able ministers of the word. In Mark 16,15-19 we learn that the apostles were given power to bind on earth and it be bound in heaven,or loose on earth and it be loosed in heaven,They were given the keys of the kingdom.And also in Jn.20,22-23 Christ breathed on them,and said unto them Receive ye the Holy Ghost,Whose soever sins ye remit theya are remitted unto them.And whose soever sins ye retain they are retained.They were guided by the Holy Ghost in carrying out those powers. Jn.14,26 But the Comforter,which is the Holy Ghost,whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things,and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you.Ac.1,8 But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.Verse 4 And being assembled with t them,He commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem,but wait for the promise of the Father,which saith He ye have heard of me.

The apostles were waiting for that promise as was recorded in the second chapter of Acts Verse 1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come,they were all with one accord in one place.And suddenly there came a sound as of a mighty rushing wind,and it filled all the house where they were sitting.And there appeared unto them cloven tongues as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost,and began to speak with other tongues,as the Spirit gave them ~~utt~~ utterance. They began bearing witness of the things Christ had done in fulfillment of the things the prophets had spoken of Him,of the miracles He had performed,the things He had taught concerning the Kingdom of God,(the Church,the family of God)The greatest wonder of them all ~~wh~~ when He was raised from the dead as He had told them.They began using the keys of the kingdom,telling the Jews what to do in order to have ~~the~~ their sins forgiven,so as to enter the kingdom and that they should repent and be baptized every one of you for the remission of your sins ~~ve~~ Verse 38. And they that gladly received his word were baptized,and there were added unto them about three thousand souls,and verse 47 tells us that the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ

We follow the apostles through the Acts of the apostles and learn more of the things they bound on those who heard the word and desired to be saved from their sins. Ac.9,26-40 records the Ethiopean who had been down to Jerusalem to worship,Philip learned that He was ~~rea~~ reading a prophecy from Isiah,which fore told of the persecution that Christ would undergo,and inquired of Philip,Of whom speaketh the prophet this himself or some other man?Philip began at the same scripture and preached unto Him Jesus,They came to a certain water and the eunuch asked Philip What doth hinder me to be baptized?Verse 37 and Philip said,If thou believest with all thine heart thou mayest.He said,I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God.And they both went down into the water an and he baptized him.We learn by this and other examples that it was necessary to believe in Christ,repent of our sins and confess our belief in Christ ,then be baptized for the remission of our sins.As we read From Ro.10,9-10 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in thy heart that God raised Him from the dead,thou shalt be saved.For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness,and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

He.2,1-4 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard,lest at any time we should let them slip.For if the word spoken by angels(the old testament) was steadfast,and every transgression received a just recompense of reward.How shall we escape,if we neglect so great salvation;which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord,and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him; God also bearing them witness,with signs and wonders,and gifts of the Holy Ghost,according to His own will.

Let us believe these witnesses. J.H.Lackey Church of Christ.