"The Church that cares"

Sermon Outline from Acts 6:1-7

6:1 Second major sin in Jerusalem church –racial preference

All one in Christ Galatians 3:28; Colossians 3:11; Revelation 7:9

II 6:2-6 The Twelve Apostles dealt with the Problem

A 6:2,4 Apostles main ministry –Prepare/teach God's word and prayer, through the power of the promised Holy Spirit (1:8)

B 6:3a, 5a Church members must choose 7 men to handle social needs

C 6:3b, 5b The 7 must have special spiritual qualities-Galatians 5:22-23

D 6:6 Each true disciple has special ministry (Ephesians 4:7, 11-12)

III 6:7 Dealing with the problem has 3 positive results

A The Word of God continued to grow and spread (4;4; 5:14, 28, 42)

B First part of Commission (1:8) fulfilled – Jerusalem church grew

C Many Jewish priests, previously hostile, repented and believed

IV What can we learn?

- 1 Treat every Christian from all cultural groups equally
- 2 Very important for preachers to be given enough time to prepare
- 3 Bible expects all levels of Christian leaders to live godly lives
- 4 All Christians should use their spiritual gift(s) to build the church