

**Series "God At Work" Book Of Acts**  
**"God's Power To Work"**  
**Acts 1:1-8**  
**Study-1**

**The Title: "The Book Of Acts,"** was at one time called **"The Acts of the Holy Spirit"** or **"The Acts of the Apostles."**

**The Author:** Luke, the beloved physician, the companion of the apostle Paul.  
**(Col. 4:11) Col. 4:14 (Acts 16:8-10** note the change from **"they"** to **"we"**)

**Luke 1:1-4**

**Luke 24:46-53**

**The Book of Acts is a Continuation of the Gospel of Luke. Acts 1:1**

The Gospel of Luke tells of Christ's ministry on earth in a physical body, while Acts tells of His ministry from heaven through His spiritual body, the church.

**When Written:** 60-62 A.D. About 30 years after the facts. It covers a generation, about 40 years. (38 Years)

**Where Was It Written:** In Rome, during Paul's first imprisonment.

**Purpose:** The Birth and The Expansion of the Church in the World.

We need to note that "Acts" is a historical narrative account. It is not an Epistle (Doctrine), though it does contain doctrine.

**The Bible Contains Both "Descriptive" and "Prescriptive."**

Example: In Acts 1, The Apostles cast dice in order to determine who the Lord had chosen to be the twelfth Apostle. **Descriptive**

Example: In Acts 8, A sorcerer, after responding to the gospel, attempts to buy the authority to give the Holy Spirit! **Descriptive**

Example: in Acts 4 **Acts 4:12, Prescriptive**

**Theme: "Acts of God."** we're calling Acts **"God At Work"**

**Key Words: God, 212 times, Holy Spirit, Spirit, 83 times, Preaching 52 times.**

There are 15 sermons or great addresses recorded in the book of Acts, and there are 21 instances of prayer.

**Key Chapter: Acts 2**

**Key Passage: Acts 1:8**

**Outline: Acts 1:8**

**Acts 1-7 Witness to Jerusalem - and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem,**

**Acts 8-12 Witness to Judea and Samaria - and in all Judea and Samaria,**

**Acts 13-28 Witness to the Ends of the Earth - and even to the remotest part of the earth."**

**Acts 1-12 Ministry of Peter:**

**Acts 13-28 Ministry of Paul:**

**1. Verses- 1-3 Lord of Power:**

**2. Verses- 4-8 Lord of Promise:**

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**Acts 1:1**

**Theophilus:** *"loved by God, or lover of God."* **Luke 1:3 most excellent Theophilus;**

**Luke 1:35**

**John 21:25**

**Acts 1:2**

**until the day when He was taken up, "The Ascension" Luke 24:36-53; Acts 1:9-11**

**Giving Commandments: Luke 24:36-53** Luke records this brief record of **Acts 1:3-8** The Great Commission **Matt 28:16-20**

**Acts 1:3-5 The Period Between the Resurrection and The Ascension:**

**Acts 1:3**

**Jesus Confirmed His Resurrection: To these He also presented Himself alive,**

**Jesus Gave Instruction: and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.**

**Luke 24:45-47**

**Matt 28:18-20; John 20:21-23**

1. Summary of the Gospel – The Crucifixion and Resurrection
2. A Command of Service – The Great Commission
3. A Commission to represent Jesus during the ten days before the Holy Spirit's Coming – John 20:21-23
4. The Empowerment to carry out the command and the commission – The Holy Spirit.

## **2. Verses- 4-8 Lord Of Promise:**

**Acts 1:4**

**The Place: And gathering them together** Bethany, just on Eastern slope of the Mount of Olives – **Luke 24:50** The location of the Lord's Second Coming **Zach 14:4**

**The Promise: but to wait for what the Father had promised,**

**Luke 24:49**

**Acts 1:5**

The word **baptize** means – "*to dip, to dye, to submerge.*"

**1 Corinthians 12:13**

**Acts 1:6-7**

**times** – "*the era, the general period of an event*" or **epochs** – "*the precise time of an occasion.*" *The times and dates.*

**Matt 24:36**

**Acts 1:8**

1. **The Power Is The Holy Spirit - but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;** the word **power** – is

the Greek word *dunamis* by which we get our English word dynamite.  
"It is miraculous power, ability."

**Luke 21:15**

- 2. The Power Is Personal - when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;**
- 3. The Power Is To Witness: and you shall be My witnesses** – This word **witnesses** – Greek word *mar'-toos* means "martyr."
- 4. The Power Enduring - both in Jerusalem, (Acts 1-7)  
Judea and Samaria, (Acts 8-12)  
and even to the remotest part of the earth." (Acts 13-28)**

**Application:**

- 1. The Resurrected Lord: To these He also presented Himself alive.**  
Convincing proof. The record is clear Jesus Christ is alive!
- 2. Instruction of The Lord:** The same instruction for us today, The Gospel – The Great Commission - The Need of The Holy Spirit's Empowerment to carry out the commission.
- 3. Empowerment of The Lord:** The very last words of Jesus Christ! The Necessity of the Holy Spirit.