

Series "The Acts Of God"
"The Power To Witness"
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 – is 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 it was Written – 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 an historical account. It is not an Epistle (Doctrine) though it does contain doctrine.

The Bible Contains Both "Descriptive" and "Prescriptive"

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

Example – 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"

Key Words – Holy Spirit, Spirit 83X, Power – 11X

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

1. Verses 1-3 – Lord Of Power:

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

Luke 21:15

2. The Power Is Personnel – 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.