

The Book of Acts: The Acts of the Holy Spirit

The book of Acts, a historical-theological-narrative-record, was written to give an accurate & orderly account of the development & spread of the first thirty years of Christianity by means of the ministry of the risen Jesus Christ through the Person & Work of the Holy Spirit. Twenty-eight chapters with a total of 1,007 verses, Acts forms an inseparable link between the Gospels & the Epistles. Probably written after 59 AD but prior to July 19, 64 AD to Theophilus by Luke, the Greek physician & fellow companion to the Apostle Paul. Acts 1:8 is the critical verse to know in understanding how this book unfolds. As of Acts 2: The new content of faith for salvation: (1) Jesus Christ, who is the Son of God, died on the cross for our sins; (2) buried, the evidence of His death; (3) Jesus Christ rose bodily from the dead on the third day (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:1-7). The condition for salvation is faith alone in Christ alone for salvation. Dr. Paul R. Shockley, 27 February 2012 prshockley.org

Church est.; Gospel given to Jews

Gospel extended to Judeans & Samaritans

Gospel extended to Gentiles of all Races

Introduction:

1:1-2:4

Prologue:

1:1-5

Ascension of Christ:

1:6-11

Preparation for the

Witness:

1:12-2:4

Crucifixion, Resurrection, &
Ascension of Jesus Christ &
Church established about
33 AD

The Witness in Jerusalem: 2:5-8:3

At Pentecost:

2:5-47

Of Peter & John:

3:1-4:31

Of the Apostles:

4:32-5:42

Of Stephen:

6:1-8:3

Stephen Martyred &
Paul's conversion approx.
33-35 AD

The Witness in Judea & Samaria:

8:4-12:25

Of Philip:

8:4-40

Of Saul [Paul]:

9:32-11:18

Of the Church:

4:32-5:42

The Church grows in Judea &
Samaria: 37-41 AD
Death of Herod Agrippa I
44 AD

The Witness to the Uttermost Parts of the Earth: 13:1-28:31

The First

Missionary Journey:

13:1-14:28

[47/48 AD]

The Jerusalem
Council: 15:1-35

The Second

Missionary Journey:

15:36-18:22

[52-56 AD]

The Journey to
Rome: 21:17-28:31

Council at Jerusalem & Jews
expelled from Rome in 49
AD; Paul & Peter martyred
in 67/68 AD.

Early Christianity: 1:1:6:7

Day of Pentecost; Peter's Sermon; Ministry of Peter & John;
Early Persecution & Controversies in the Church (Ananias &
Sapphira; Neglect of Widow):
Acts 6:7

Church Spreads:

6:8-9:31

Throughout Holy Land; Martyrdom of Stephen; Struggle with
the Jews

Church Spreads to Gentiles:

9:32-12:24

Spread of Church to Antioch; Conversion of Cornelius of
Caesarea; More Struggle with Jews: Acts 12:24

Church Spreads to Asia Minor:

12:25-16:5

Paul's First Missionary Trip :
Acts 16:5

Church Spreads to Europe:

16:6-28:31:

Paul's 2nd & 3rd missionary trip; resolve to go to Rome; arrest
& hearings in Jerusalem & Caesarea; Voyage & stay in
Rome:
Acts 19:20

Transitions in Acts:

Historical:	From the Gospels to Epistolary Literature
Religious:	From Synagogue to Church (s)
Theological:	From Christ being present to the Holy Spirit being present.
Pneumatological:	From the Spirit being with believers to the Spirit being in believers.
National:	From Jews to Gentiles
Dispensational:	From law to grace (though faith is always the condition of salvation).

THEOLOGICAL THEMES: (1) **The Acts of the Holy Spirit:** 1:2; 1:5; 1:8; 1:16; 2:17; 7:51; 8:18; 8:39; 9:31; 10:19; 11:15; 11:28; 13:52; 16:6; 19:6; 20:23; 20:28

Authentication of the New Faith by the Holy Spirit: 1:5-8; 2:1-47; 5:1-11; 6:5; 8:14-17; 10:44-47; 12:1-4; 19:1-7.

Distinction of Israel from the Church: 1:6b; 2:22; 2:36; 3:12; 4:10; 4:27; 5:21; 5:31; 5:35; 7:23, 37, 42; 9:15; 10:36; 13:16; 13:17; 13:23; 21:28; 28:20;

Gospel extended to the Jews First: 13:5, 14; 14:1; 16:11-13; 17:1-2, 10, 16-17; 18:1, 4, 19; 19:1, 8; 28:17;

Initial Fulfillment of Great Commission: 1:15; 2:41; 2:47; 4:4; 5:14; 6:7; 9:31; 12:24; 13:49; 16:5; 19:20; 28:31.

Israel under Divine Judgment: 2:22-23, 36; 3:13-18; 4:10-11

Opposition to the Spread of the Gospel: Pentecost (2:1-47); Peter & John (5:1-42); Ananias & Sapphira (5:1-11); Peter (4:3; 5:18; 12:3); Stephen's Death (7:54-8:1a); Saul's persecution (8:1-3; 9:1-5; Paul (9:29; 16:23-24; 21:27-36; 22:22-23:11; 24:1-27; 25:1-12; 25:13-27; 28:17-31).

Suffering Messiah: 3:18; 4:11 cf. Psalm 118:22; 8:32-35; 17:2-3; 26:22-23.

Uniting Jews & Gentiles into One Body: 1:5, 8; 2:9, 14, 38; 8:1, 4-25; 9:1-19; 9:31, 36-43; 10:2, 37; 19:1-7; 26:20; 28:31

Authority of the Apostles & Jerusalem Church: 1:15-26; 2:14-41; 2:47; 3:11-26; 4:1-22; 4:23-31; 5:1-11; 5:12-16; 5:27-32; 6:1-7; 7:1-53; 11:1-18; 12:6-11; 15:1-35; 21:37-22:31; 24:1-27; 25:1-12; 25:13-27; 26:1-32 .