

# The Acts of the Apostles

## The Growth and Expansion of the Church in Jerusalem

### Parenthesis: Why the Church? (1)

The Spirit's Work in the Hearts of Men (2:37-47) (1)

- II. The Growth and Expansion of the Church in Jerusalem (1:9-8:3)
  - A. The Prelude to Pentecost (1:9-26)
  - B. The Day of Pentecost: The Age of the Spirit (2:1-46)
    - 1. The Advent of the Holy Spirit (2:1-13)
    - 2. The Explanation of the Spirit's Advent (2:14-36)
    - 3. The Consequence of the Spirit's Advent (2:37-40)

Christianity vs the Local Church

#### Why the Local Church is Not Necessary

- Being saved has nothing to do with attending church

#### Why the Local Church is Necessary

- Believers are addressed as part of gathered communities of saints
- The execution of the "one another" exhortations
- The fact of Jesus' resurrection
- The believer's responsibility to submit to their elders
  - draw away to pull from or out of
  - lording domineer, overpower, intimidate
  - example mark, type, model, copy, sketch
- The mission of the church