



Acts: To the Ends of the Earth

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1. What is the book of Acts?

- ❖ Acts 1:1

2. What is Acts all about?

- ❖ Matthew 16:18—*I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*
- ❖ Acts 1:8—*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*
- ❖ Acts 28:30-31—*He [Paul] lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and **without hindrance**.*

Preparation for Gospel Ministry (Chapter 1)

1. Jesus **MUST** leave

- ❖ John 16:7-8—*I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:*

2. The people of God **MUST** pray

- ❖ Acts 1:14—*All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer*

3. The number of Apostles **MUST** be twelve

- ❖ Acts 1:20—*...Let another take his office.*

The Gospel takes root in Jerusalem (Chapters 2-7)

▶ The coming of Holy Spirit

1. Holy Spirit empowers the Church's Preaching

- ❖ Acts 2:37—*cut to the heart*

2. Holy Spirit makes the Church a Powerful Witness

- ❖ Acts 3:6—*I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!*
- ❖ Acts 2:43—*many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles*

3. Holy Spirit makes the Church Committed



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- ❖ Acts 2:42—*they devoted themselves to the apostles ' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

4. Holy Spirit makes the Church Pray

- ❖ Acts 4:31—*And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.*

5. Holy Spirit gives the Church a profound love

- ❖ Acts 4:32—*Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.*

6. Holy Spirit Protects the Church from fraud

7. Holy Spirit makes the Church Fearless

- ❖ Acts 7:56—*Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.*

8. Holy Spirit gives the Church organization

The Gospel begins to Go *(Chapters 8-12)*

1. The Gospel takes root in an unlikely place

2. The Gospel saves through an unlikely scenario

- ❖ Acts 8:32—*Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.*

3. The Gospel saves and makes a missionary of an unlikely convert

4. The Gospel brings about an unlikely call

- ❖ Acts 10:15—*What God has made clean, do not call common*

5. The Gospel brings about an unlikely business meeting

- ❖ Acts 11:17—*If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?"*

The Gospel to the ends of the Earth *(Chapters 13-28)*

1. Paul's first missionary journey

2. The Jerusalem Council

3. Paul's Second Missionary Journey



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4. Paul's Third Missionary Journey

- ✿ Acts 19:11—*God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.*

The Gospel opposed, but never defeated

- ✿ Acts 28:31—*proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.*

Application