

ACTS

CHAPTER 1:1-11

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TITLE:

“THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES”

THEME:

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and “**you shall be witnesses to Me**” in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea** and **Samaria**, and to the **end of the earth.**”

THE TITLE

*The Acts of the Holy Spirit ?
The Acts of the Disciples ?*

Make no mistake about the Title of the book, it is
“The Acts of the Apostles”

- This is the record of the Acts of those who are *Disciples of Jesus*.
- Those who are filled and *empowered by the Holy Spirit*,
- And who are *sent forth into ministry*

We need to ask

“Why is” this title?

“How is” this title?

apostle

apostle GRK *apostolos (ap-os'-tol-os)* a delegate; an ambassador, one who's sent.

(One With Miraculous Powers)

The “*Why*” & “*How*” is answered in one response...

“The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit”

The focal point of the entire book *is not*

*“what man can do with the Holy Spirit,
but what the Holy Spirit can do with a man”.*

- herein lies our victory as Christians.

Divisions

For

Local Ministry,
Chapters 1-8

Regional Ministry
Chapters 8-12

Global Ministry
Chapters 13-28

Note:

- In Chapters 1 to 12 *the leading minister to the local work is Peter*
- In Chapters 13 to 28 *the leading minister to the regional work is Paul*
- In Chapters 28 to Now *the leading minister to the world is You...*

ACTS,
The only incomplete book in the Bible
IT'S STILL BEING WRITTEN TODAY IN HEAVEN

God has His people for *differing* ministries at *differing* times to *differing* place

Christianity begins at Jerusalem

And it begins with the foundational doctrines of Christianity

A.) Founded In *The Lord of the Harvest vv. 1-5*

Authorship; Dr. Luke, MD..

Year; Completed in 61 ad.

Purpose; *To Document the growth of Christianity under Christ.*

The Former account I made O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began to do and to teach,

- * We know from Luke's Gospel 1:3 that Theophilus was an Authority in the Roman government (*most excellent*)
- * His name means *friend of God* or *Lover of God*.

By Many Infallible, Undeniable proofs

John 14:16-18

"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him:
but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
I (*Jesus*) will not leave you comfortless: I (*Jesus*) will come to you.

The Old was being fulfilled in the New

The Promised Spirit

The Old Testament,

A Law Relationship was Outward & External,
(THE SPIRIT)
THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD COME UPON, **ONLY TO DEPART.**

The New Testament,

A Grace Relationship. Inward & Personal,
(THE SPIRIT)
THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD COME, **NEVER TO DEPART**

He is called

- *the Spirit of Truth*
- *the Counselor*
- *the Comforter*
- *the Promise*
- *the Helper*

2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is that Spirit:
and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

THE LAW, Held Us Bound !!!

Welcome to
JEWASSIC PARK,

WHERE THE LAW WILL EAT YOU ALIVE !

Yet,

There are many who want to know God,

...but are afraid of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said it is the Holy Spirit alone who can teach you truth

John 14:26

But the Comforter, Helper, Counselor, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have commanded you.

Holy Spirit & Teaching

See John 16:7-13

Comforter GRK *parakletos, "alongside to help"*

Baptized GRK *baptizo (bap-tid'-zo)*
to immerse, submerge; to make overwhelmed
or to become fully made wet.

To come under direct possession of

Ephesians 5:18-19

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, :19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

B.) Empowered With *The Lord of the Harvest.* vv. 6-8

The Question is

good, and very applicable if you are Jewish in thinking as they were, looking for the Kingdom.

The Answer is;

"YES, the Kingdom shall be established to Israel.
NO, not right now"

Verse 8

You Shall receive power
when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.

How;

*Before the Ministry, before the Work,
before the Kingdom is established...*

Power

*The word power is the Greek word; **dunamis** (doo'-nam-is)
meaning **dynamic works**, miraculous power, ability, abundant strength, mighty work.*

It's where we get the English word

Dynamite !!!

Acts 6:8

**And Stephen, FULL (plethora (play'-tho) of faith and power,
did great wonders and signs among the people.**

FULL GRK Root word; reduplicated reproduction. to "fill and refill with influence & supply. To be full.

When;

When the Holy Spirit has come upon you!

In The Old Testament, The Spirit would come and go *upon*, or *in*, or *alongside* as needed, for the moment.

In The New Testament, The Holy Spirit has come to be *alongside* convicting, *inside* renewing & *upon* for empowering

Why:

You shall be witnesses to me

witnesses GRK *martus* (mar'-toos)
martyr, to bear record. to give testimony based upon what has been seen.

You shall be my Evidence,
My Credentials, **My Arguments** in the world

The most damning effect to the church today *is not* **the attack of the government**. It's not **the liberal theologian**. It's not even **the attack of Satan himself**. The most destructive force in the church today is the lukewarm "Christian."

- **Powerless**
- **Faithless**
- **Lifeless**

Revelation 3:16

So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will *spue* thee out of my mouth. (NKJV; *vomit*, NGV; *New Graphic Version*; *barf, puke*)

"Effective witnessing can only be borne where the Spirit is, and where the Spirit is, effective witness will always follow"

Who is a Godly Witness ?

A man or woman who is filled with the LOGOS (the word) which in turn governs his ETHOS (the lifestyle) which is revealed in his PATHOS (the passion)

We are to be obeying the word, before we teach the word

Romans 15:18

I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done

You shall be witnesses to me

Jesus' word, "you shall receive power" was to the believers then and to all now who are his.

1 Peter 3:15

... sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

C.) Governed By The Lord of the Harvest vv. 9-11

The Meaning is Clear. *Get GOING !!!*

- Jerusalem awaits them
 - All of Judea awaits them
 - Samaria awaits them
 - **The Ends of the Earth await Us**

The Reference to the cloud *is the Shekinah Glory cloud of God's Presence.*
Like the Transfiguration cloud

Luke 24:35-52

A Better Good-bye

2 Corinthians 5:16

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.

Verse 11

Why do you stand "gazing"

To have the eyes fixed upon a spot. To have vision-lock

In This Liberal Age,

Understand This Truth.

This same Jesus was taken up into heaven with a real human, glorified body, a body of flesh and bone that went to a real literal place called the throne of God and this same Jesus today sits at the right hand of God the Father - Jesus the God-man in glory.

"This Same Jesus"

Not another Jesus. Not someone like Jesus

"This Same Jesus"

Malachi 3:6

For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Just 50 days later, the Holy Spirit came to the earth under direct command of Jesus Himself.

Dynamite Time

Luke 11:10-13

"For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. :11 "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? :12 "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? :13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

He's not talking about salvation here,
He's talking about answered prayer.
The Holy Spirit as our Power

Note:

Jesus is coming again as the scriptures say.

You & I need to be ready & willing

Ready, *having our lamps trimmed, burning bright.*

Willing, *being filled constantly by the Spirit (The Oil)*

Don't wait for the "Idiot Light to come on"

Let's ask for His RE-Filling

Don't come short...

The Spirit	with you, Convicting	Para
	inside you, Renewing	En
	upon you, Empowering	Epi

John 7:37-39

... Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. :38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, *out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.* :39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive...