

A review up to this point

Acts Chapter 1 - The Call and Purpose of the New Testament Church

The Introduction – Luke to Theophilus. *“of all Jesus began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:”* (v1, v2)

The Ascension – Co-mission *“And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**”* (v7-8)

Continuation *“**These all continued** with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.”* (v14)

Acts Chapter 2 – Preaching to the Preachers (3000 saved)

The day of Pentecost – *“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.”* (v1)

Continuation – *“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”* (v42)

Acts Chapter 3,4 – The opposition arises

The lame beggar healed, Peter preaches, They are seized

“And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.” (4: 1-2)

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (4:12)

“And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,” (4:29)

Acts 5 – You can't fool God

Ananias and Sapphira *“But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,”* (v1)

Arrest and Release *“But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.”* (v20)

Acts 6 – Deacons to the rescue

“And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration” (v1)

Stephen Preaches *“And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.” (v8)*

Acts 7 – Following in Jesus’ footsteps

“Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.” (v51)

“And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” (v59)

-----Judea and Samaria

Acts 8 – Sauls marked and Philip is called

“And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.” (v1)

“Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.:" (v5)

Acts 9 – Saul or Paul?

“And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.” (v4-5)

Acts 10 Peter’s enlightenment and the spread of the Gospel

“There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band,

A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.” (v1-2)

“Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)" (v34-36)

Acts 11 You can't save Gentiles?

"And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him," (v1-2)

Acts 12 Persecution fans the flame

"Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people. Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." (v1-5)

"But the word of God grew and multiplied. And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark." (v24-25)