

Acts of the Apostles
Conclusion (Part 1)

I. Introduction

-Title: The Act of Jesus Christ Through the Apostles (1:1; Luke Vol. 1: The Gospel of Luke; Luke Vol. 2: The Acts of the Apostles)

-Structure (Acts 1:8): The Apostolic Witness in Jerusalem (chs. 1-7); The Apostolic Witness in Judea and Samaria (chs. 8-11); The Apostolic Witness to Points Beyond (the Remotest Part of the Earth) (chs. 11-28)

-Subject: The Founding and Early Growth of the Church

II. Prominent Themes and Practical Lessons

-Corporate Prayer (1:12-14; 2:42; 4:23, 24, 31; 12:12) See also Matt. 21; 13, Mark 11:17, Luke 19:46 with Is. 56:7

-The Ministry of the Holy Spirit (Joel 2:28-32; Zech. 4:6; Luke 11:13; Acts 1:2, 5, 8; 2:1-4, 33; 4:8, 29, 31; 6:3, 5; 7:55; 8:29; 9:31; 10:19; 11:12, 24; 13:2, 4; 15:28; 16:6, 7; 20:28; 1 Cor. 3:16, 17; 12:13; Eph 2:22; 4:30, 31; 5:18; 1 Thess. 1:5)

-The Local Church: a divinely-ordained institution composed of an identifiable membership, governed by biblically-qualified leadership, and responsible for divinely-designated tasks; Pattern: conversion followed by baptism and church membership (the solemn commitment of a professing Christian to Christ and His people by formal, voluntary, public identification with some local expression of Christ's body); see Acts 2:41, 42

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-Biblical Evangelism: The Message: Christ (18:5; 26:18); repentance and faith (2:38; 10:43; 20:21); salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone (15:1, 2, 6, 11); The Mission (Matt. 28:19, 20a); The Motivation (Matt. 28:20b; Mark 5:19; Acts 8:4)