

First Baptist Church of Progress Village
Outline to the Acts of the Apostles
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SUMMARY - The book of Acts, written by Luke, records the activity of the early church. It provides the transition between Israel and the church giving us as today's church insight into the early church. The nature of Acts is action. It is important to remember that the book of Acts is a narrative history with journeys and speeches.

I. The Local Commission: Witnesses in Jerusalem (Acts 1-7)

A. Days of Expectation

1. Jesus' Ministry (1:1-15) and
2. Post Resurrection appearances on Earth and ascension (1:6-11),
3. New Choice for Church Leaders (1:12-26). Judas' fate.

B. The Christian Church begins and grows from the ground Up.

1. The ministry of God's Holy Spirit (2:1-13)
2. The first Sermon
 - a) Gospel Presentation (2:14-24)
 - b) Proof of the Resurrection (2:25-26)
 - c) Salvation Principles (2:37-41)
3. The earliest activities of the Church (2:42-47)

C. The Power of the Church

1. The first recorded miracle through the established church (3:1-11)
2. The second Sermon (3:12-26)

D. The Persecution of the Church and Problems within the Church

1. First believers and persecution of the Church (4:1-37)
2. Sin by and troubles in the Church (5:1-42)
3. Administration in the Church (6:1-7)
4. Steven, First Martyr (6:8 – 7:60)

II. The Regional Commission: Witnesses in Judea and Samaria (Acts 8-9)

A. The growing Church spreads out.

1. Persecution created opportunity (8:1-4)
2. Witnessing opportunities to waiting audience. Phillip to Ethiopian (8:5-40)

B. The Apostle Paul's Spiritual Journey

1. Confrontation (9:1-9)
2. Preparation (9:10-18)
3. Witness (9:19 – 22)
4. Suffering (9:23 – 31)

III. The Global Commission: Witnesses to the Uttermost parts of the Earth (Acts 10-28)

A. Peter witnesses to Gentiles of Cornelius' Home. (10:1- 11:18)

B. Antioch Church Witnesses. (11:19-30)

C. God's Deliverance and Protection of the Church, Judgment of Herod. (12:1-24)

D. Paul's Journeys and Importance.

1. Paul's First Missionary Journey. (13 and 14)
2. Jerusalem Council – The purpose of convention. (15:1 – 35)
3. Paul's Second Missionary Journey. (15:36 – 18:22)
4. Paul's Third Missionary Journey. (18:23 – 21:16)

E. Paul's Final Journey and witnessing in Jerusalem, Caesarea, and Rome. (21:17-28:31)

After His resurrection, Jesus remained on earth for forty days and ministered to His disciples.

Week 1 Reading Preparation: Acts Chapter 1:1-26