

SURVEY OF BOOK OF ACTS

Introduction

1. Why this subject?

Good Overall knowledge of Acts can be very helpful to understanding the rest of the NT

Acts is the 5th Book of the NT and covers about 25 years

Book of History which connects the 1st 4 Books of the Bible with All the letters

Acts is often referred to as the Acts of the Apostles (or those being sent)

1. Mostly centers around the Apostle Peter and Paul
 - a. 1st 13 chapters Centers mostly about Peter
 - b. Last 15 Chapters of Acts is mostly about Paul
2. What is the Book of Acts About?
 - a. Beginning of Great Commission (Seek & Save the Lost)
 1. People are saved from their Sins
 - b. The Kingdom that is prophesied in the OT has been set-up
 - c. The Promise to Abraham is fulfilled
 - d. Law of Christ Begins
 - e. Witnessing of the Apostles that Jesus was Raised from the Dead
 1. If you prove this, it demonstrates that Jesus is God and the Bible is the Word of God
 2. The Hope of the Resurrection is the foundation of the Christian's Faith
 3. Witnessing these facts is the main theme of the Book
 - A. Witnessing in the NT has do with being an Eye Witness

I. WITNESS IN JERUSALEM - ACTS 1 THRU 7

A. ACTS 1

1. JESUS gives last Instructions to Apostles - **1:1-8**
2. Tells them they are going to receive the Holy Spirit and going to be Witnesses from Jerusalem to the end of the earth.

B. ACTS 2 - BULLSEYE OF THE BIBLE

1. APOSTLES receive the H.S. 1-4
2. Peter Begins - Preaching Death, Burial, Resurrection of Christ 22-36
3. Applies 2 Sam 7:12 to Christ Receiving His Kingdom (the Church) **2:29-33**
4. Murdered the Messiah - **2:36-41**
5. Receive FORGIVENESS OF SINS
6. BEGINNING OF Promise of Abraham being fulfilled

C. ACTS 3

1. Peter heals lame man (God witnessing that what Apostles are teaching is from God)
2. Preaches that Christ is the Messiah - **3:18-26**
3. Quotes Gen 12:3 Promise to Abraham

D. ACTS 4 - 5

1. Beginning OF PERSECUTION of Christians - Jews Arrest Peter & John
2. Peter Preaches Jesus - **4:10-12**
3. Jews reject Teaching even though they recognize a miracle being done - **vs. 16**
Acts 4:33 & 5:12 God is Bearing Great Witness

E. ACTS 5

1. Apostles are arrested again - This time freed by God to Teach the Gospel **vs. 20**
Acts 5:32 The Apostles tell the Jewish Leadership they are Witnesses of these things
2. Jews Command them not to Teach the Gospel and BEAT them **vs. 40-42**

F. ACTS 6 - 7 (The Persecution Intensifies]

1. Stephen Preaches Jesus to the Jews via a History lesson from Abraham to King Solomon
 - a. Tells them they Murdered Jesus - **vs. 52**
 1. They are so enraged they Kill him - **vs. 54, 57-60**

II. WITNESS IN JUDEA AND SAMARIA - ACTS 8 THRU 12

- A. ACTS 8 (PERSECUTION LEADS TO SCATTERING OF THE DISCIPLES) - **8:1-4**
 1. Preaching of Jesus spreads to Samaria and many become Christians outside Jerusalem and Judea
 2. Records that H.S. is given through the Apostles Hands **8:18**
- B. ACTS 9
 1. SAUL is Converted **9:3-6 AND Baptized vs. 18**
 2. Saul immediately starts preaching Jesus - vs. 20
 3. Jews try to kill SAUL - vs. 23
- C. ACTS 10 - 11
 1. 1st GENTILES ARE CONVERTED TO CHRIST
 2. It GOD's Direct Intervention for this to happen
 - a. Peter preaches Jesus **39-43**
 - b. Commands them to be baptized **vs. 48**
 3. Peter has to defend his Association with the Gentiles, **10:28**, ACTS 11 retells the story
- D. ACTS 12
 1. Apostle James is killed by King Herod
 2. Peter is put in prison again

III. WITNESS TO THE END OF THE EARTH - ACTS 13 THRU 28 (Mostly About Paul)

- A. ACTS 13-15 - PAUL'S 1st Journey - ASIA Minor & Greece
 1. Paul converts many, performs a great miracle - **14:8-10**
 2. Great opposition so much so the Jews stone him (14:19-20)
- B. ACTS 15 - GREAT DEBATE ON CIRCUMCISION - **15:1**
 1. **3 Arguments**
 - a. APOSTLE PETER - Argues all are saved by FAITH not by Circumcision & becoming a Jew **11**
 - b. APOSTLE PAUL - Miracles performed among the Gentiles **15:12**
 - c. James - OT prophecy - **15:14-17**
- C. ACTS 16 -21 - PAUL's 2nd & 3rd Journey - ASIA Minor & Greece
 1. Turned the world upside down in Thessalonica - vs. 17:6
 2. Preaches to Philosophers and concludes sermon with **17:30-1**
 3. Calls for the Elders at Miletus from Ephesus - concludes instructions with a warning **20:28-32**
- D. ACTS 21-26 - PAUL's Defends the Gospel - JERUSALEM & CAESAREA
 1. PAUL is arrested because Jews are trying to kill him
 - a. Recounts his Conversion
 - b. Sins were washed away by Baptism
 - c. Listened to him until told them God was sending him away to the Gentiles **vs. 21**
 2. Defends self before the Jewish Leadership - HOPE of ISRAEL **23:6**
 3. Defends self before Roman Leaders - Recounts Conversion **26:28**
- E. ACTS 27-28 PAUL is sent to Rome as a Prisoner - 4th Journey
 1. Preaches the Kingdom of God - **vs. 31**

CONCLUSION:

1. **ACTS 17:30-1**