

## THE BOOK OF ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

“Within thirty years, A.D. 33-62; the Acts of the Apostles had settled the point that it would overturn every bloody altar, close every pagan temple, bring under its influence everywhere the men of office, rank, and power, and that “the banners of faith would soon stream from the palaces of the Caesars.” All this would be accomplished by the acts of only a few men called by God. They neither had wealth, armies, nor allies. With the exception of Paul, they were men without religious learning. They were taught only by the Holy Spirit, armed only with the power of God, victorious only because Christ was their captain, and the world acknowledged the presence of these messengers of God most high and the inexcusable power of the gospel. It’s success never has been, and never can be associated for by any other supposition than that God attended it. And if the Christian religion be not true, the change brought about by these apostles is the most inexplicable, mysterious, and wonderful event that has ever been witnessed in the world. Their success will stand to the end of time as an argument of the truth of the scheme, will ever onward confound the sceptic, and will sustain the Christian with the assured belief that this is a religion which has proceeded from the Almighty and from the infinitely benevolent God.” – Albert Barnes

- The author of the book of Acts is the Apostle Luke and was written between 64-65 A.D.
- Luke was the only Gentile who wrote any of the books of the Bible and was the only scientist among the writers.
- Luke was surely a great man specially called of God in that he was a scientist, physician, historian, brilliant writer, inspired writer, and Christian apologist.
- It records the promised descent and operations of the Holy Spirit.
- It is an inspired account of the the character of true revivals of religion and that revivals are to be expected in the church.
- The Acts of the Apostles contains a record of the organization of the church.
- It throws important light on the Epistles. It is a connecting link between the Gospels and the other parts of the New Testament and contains unanswerable evidence of the truth of Christianity. It is a reliable eye-witness record of its early triumphs.
- In this book we have many striking and impressive illustrations of what the gospel is fitted to produce, to make men of God who are self-denying and benevolent.

Focus	Foundation of the Church				Founder of Churches															
Chapter Divisions	Holy Spirit to the Church		Growth of the Church		Persecution of the Church		Expansion of the Church		First Journey of Paul		Second Journey of Paul		Third Journey of Paul		Arrest of Paul		Trials of Paul		Imprisonment of Paul	
Chapter	1	4	5	7	8	9	10	12	13	15	16	18	19	20	21	23	24	26	27	28
Topics	Peter		Philip	Saul	Peter		Paul													
	To the Jews		To the Samaritans		To the Gentiles															
Place	Jerusalem		Judea & Samaria		To the Uttermost															
Approx. Time	2-Years (A.D. 33-35)		13-Years (A.D. 35-48)		14-Years (A.D. 48-62)															
Author	Apostle Luke (The Doctor)																			