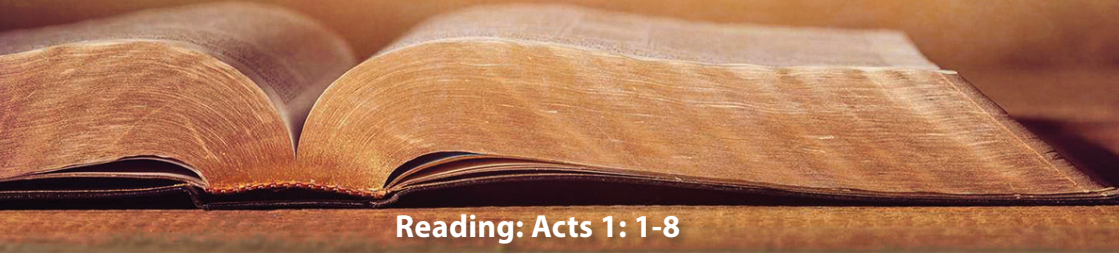


WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

A PILGRIM'S WALK THROUGH

# THE NEW TESTAMENT

## 'THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES'



Reading: Acts 1: 1-8

### Introduction

- The Holy Spirit moves again on Luke to write his second NT book.
- Luke: What Jesus began to do.
- Acts: What Jesus continued to do.
- Acts is the bridge between the gospels and Paul's letters.
- It is a window that allows us to see into the early church.

### 1 Keys To The Book

- Acts consists of 28 chapters and 1007 verses.
- Chapters [1-12] concerns Peter.
- Chapters [13-28] concerns Paul.
- Contains an album of some 75 individuals.
- The key chapter is [2] - the coming of the Spirit.
- The key verse is [1:8].

## 2 The Geography Of Acts

- Acts follows the geography of [1:8].
- The witness of the church in Jerusalem: [Ch 1-7].
- The witness of the church in Judea and Samaria: [8-12].
- The witness of the church '*to the end of the earth.*' [13-28].

## 3 The Secrets Of The Church's Success

### A vital emphasis on prayer

- It was the oxygen of the church.
- In all but 2 chapters prayer is mentioned.

### The believers were in '*one accord*'

- Note the number of times this term is used.
- There was a beautiful unity and togetherness.

### The baptism with the Holy Spirit

- NB. [Luke 24:49] '*the promise of the Father.*'
- Enduing with '*power.*'
- At Jerusalem in [Acts 2] and [4:31].
- At Samaria in [Acts 8].
- At Caesarea in [Acts 10].
- At Ephesus in [Acts 19].
- Notice the initial evidence of the baptism in each case.
- This was not just for the 1st century church.
- It is still for today [Acts 2:39].

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