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Daniel 12:1-2

“¹ Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. ² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.”



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Reasons

1. Taught the people (2a)
2. Claimed a Resurrected Messiah (2b)

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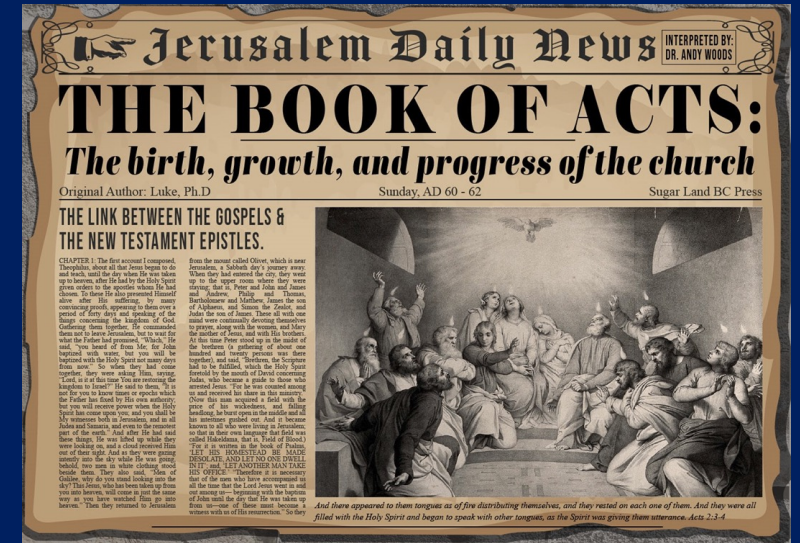


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Acts 2:15-35

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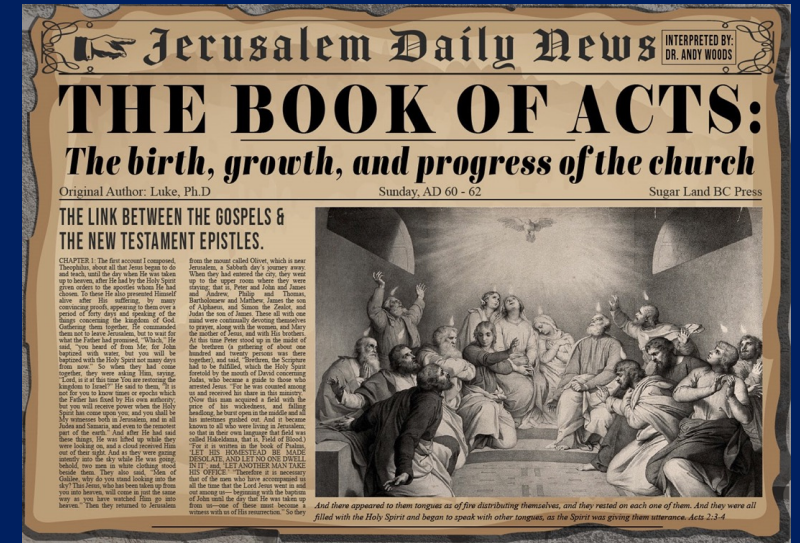
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Belief-God's One Condition for Justification



“...because upwards of 150 passages of Scripture condition salvation upon **believing** only (cf. John 3:16; Acts 16:31).”

Lewis Sperry Chafer, vol. 7, *Systematic Theology*
(Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1993), 265-66.

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Gen 15:6

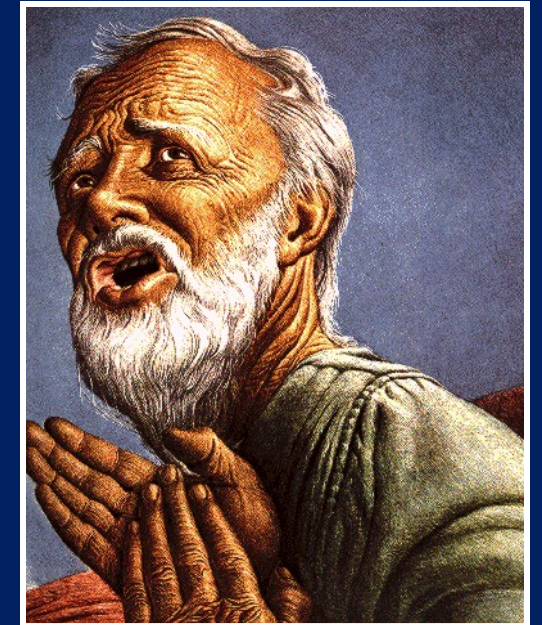
Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

John 3:16

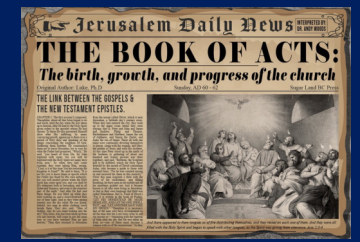
For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Acts 16:30-31

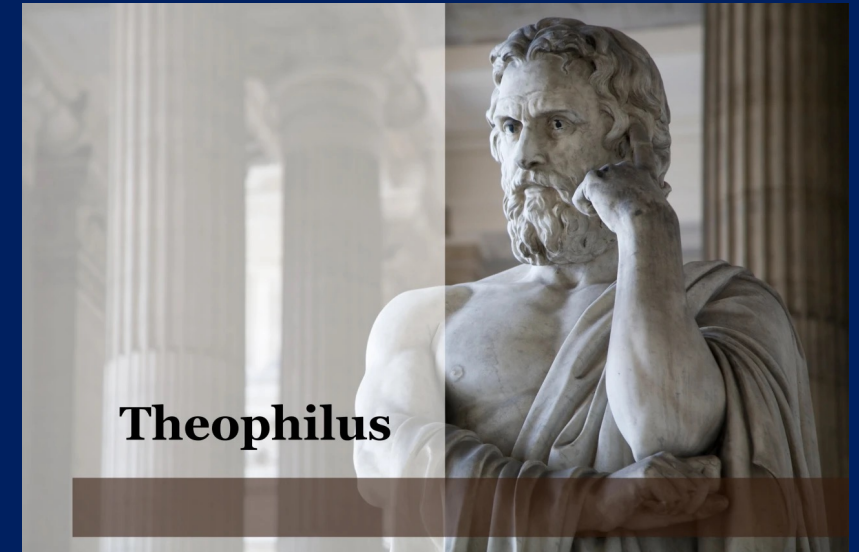
"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..."



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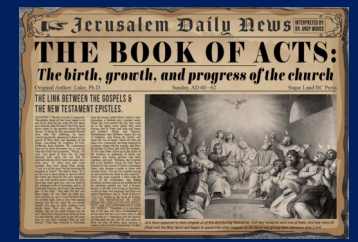


- To present Theophilus with an orderly account of the birth and growth of the church so as to affirm him in what he has believed.



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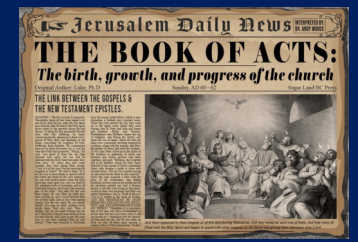
Message



- Birth and growth of the church numerically, geographically, ethnically.
- Components
 - Numerically (progress reports)
 - Geographically (From Jerusalem to Rome)
 - Ethnically (From Judaism to Gentile domination)



Progress Reports



- Clearest: Acts 2:47; 4:4; 6:7; 9:31; 12:24; 16:5; 19:20; 28:30-31
- Less clear: Acts 1:13, 15; 2:41; 4:4:31; 5:14, 42; 8:25, 40; 11:21; 13:49; 17:6



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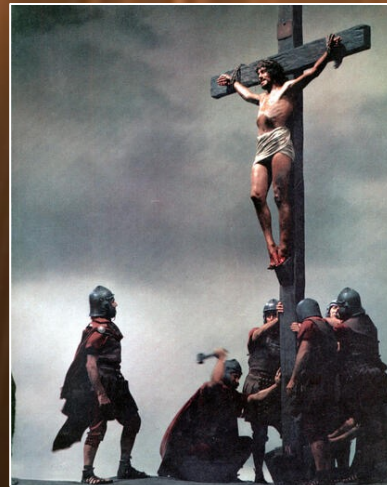
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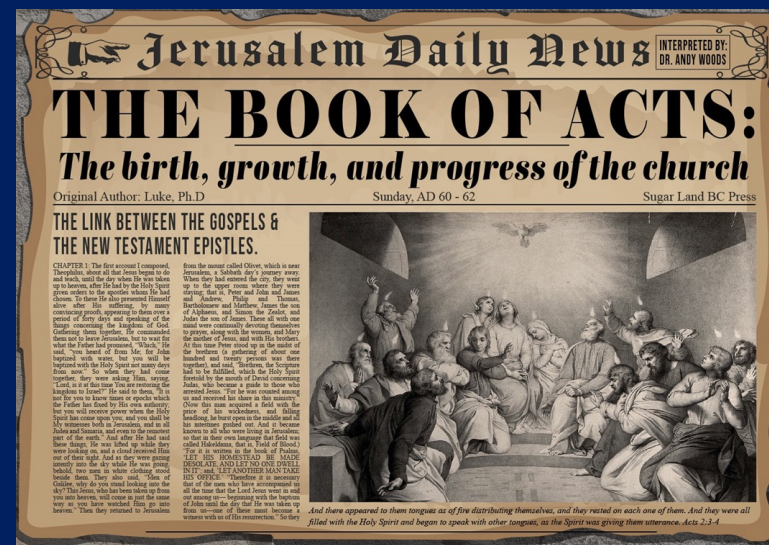
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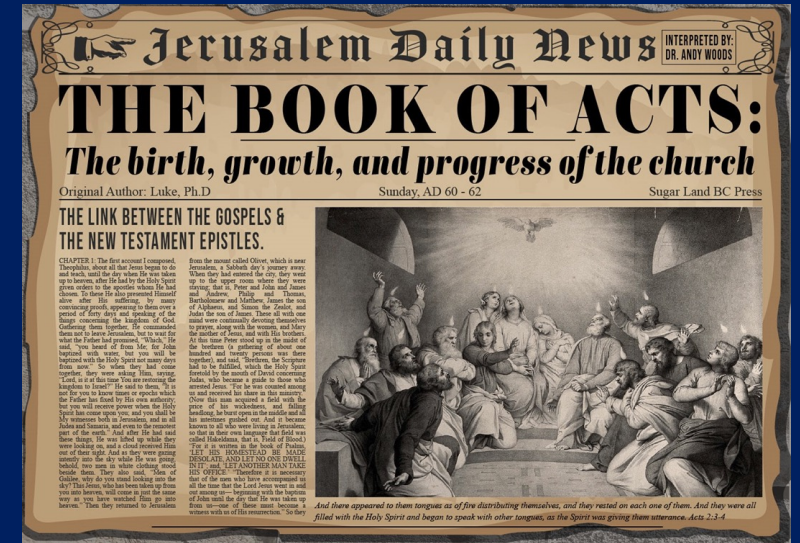
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Ephesians 2:20

“having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone.”



Matthew 23:37-39

³⁷ “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather [*episynagō*] your children together, the way a hen gathers [*episynagō*] her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. ³⁸ Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! ³⁹ For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, ‘BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!’”



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Luke 4:43

“But He said to them, “I must [*dei*] preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose.”



Luke 24:44

“Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms **must** [*dei*] be fulfilled.”





“...one of the mistakes that human beings make is believing that there is only one way...We don't accept that there are diverse ways of being in the world; that there are millions of ways to be a human being. And many ways...many paths to what you call God. That her path might be something else and when she gets there she might call it the light. But her loving, and her kindness, and her generosity brings her to the...same point that it brings you...



...It doesn't matter whether she called it 'God' along the way or not...There couldn't possibly be just one way!...There couldn't possibly be only one way with millions of people in the world!...You think...if you are somewhere on the planet and you never hear the name of Jesus but yet you live with a loving heart. You lived as Jesus would have had you to live. You lived for the same purpose as Jesus came to the planet to teach us all, but you are in some remote part of the earth and you never heard the name of Jesus. You cannot get to Heaven...?"



Tony Evans

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“In a class I once taught at Dallas Seminary, I inadvertently asked an exam question on material I had not covered in class. One of the students brought this discrepancy to my attention. To be fair, I had to rescore all of the test papers because I could not hold the students liable for information they had never been given...So the premise is that God will not hold people accountable for a decision they cannot make, based on information they have not received...And people in faraway lands who have never heard the gospel still have their own sins to answer for. This means we need to talk about the provision God has made for those who cannot believe....Here's the spiritual principle at work: When people respond to what they do know of God, He takes personal responsibility for giving them more information about Himself... In the case of a person...



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...who never hears the gospel and never knows the name of Jesus, but who responds to the light he has, God, treats that person like an Old Testament saint, if you will. That is, if the person trusts in what God has revealed, God deals with that person based on the knowledge he has, not the information he never received. I call this **trans-dispensationalism...By this I mean if a person is sincerely seeking God and desiring to know Him, and is responding to the truth he knows, if there is no missionary or direct manifestation of God, then God judges that person based on his faith in the light he has received.** And as in the case of Abraham, God will retroactively count this person as righteous by applying the death of Christ from the dispensation of grace.”



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Dr. Schuller: "Tell me, what is the future of Christianity?"

Dr. Graham: "Well, Christianity and being a true believer, you know, I think there's the body of Christ which comes from all the Christian groups around the world, or **outside the Christian groups**. I think that everybody that loves Christ or knows Christ, **whether they're conscious of it or not**, they're members of the body of Christ. And I don't think that we're going to see a great sweeping revival that will turn the whole world to Christ at any time...and that's what God is doing today. He is calling people out of the world for His name. Whether they come from the **Muslim** world, or the **Buddhist** world, or the Christian world, or the **non-believing** world, they are members of the body of Christ because they've been called . . .



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Dr. Schuller: "This is fantastic. I'm so thrilled to hear you say that. There's a wideness in God's mercy."

Dr. Graham: "There is."



A. Acts 4:13-14

Observations

1. Apostles (13)
2. Lame man (14)

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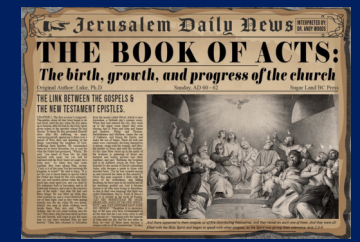
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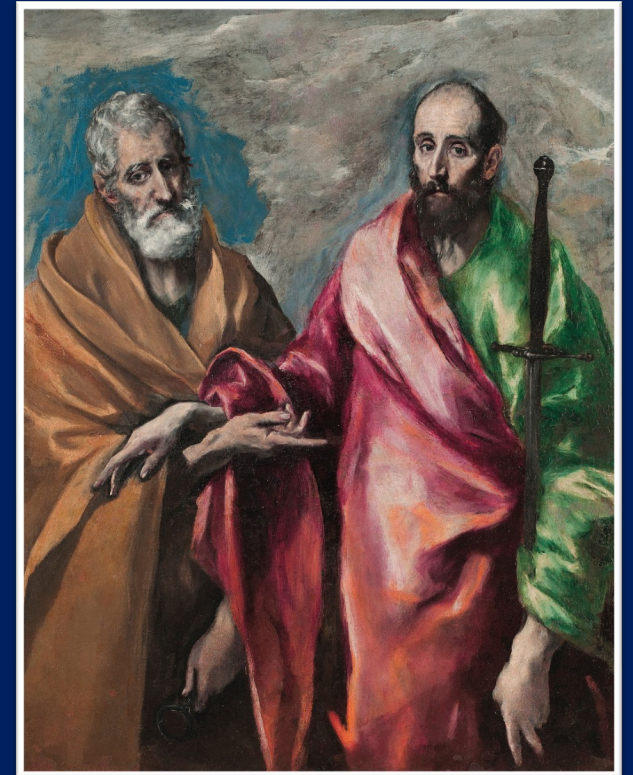
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From Peter to Paul

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| Acts 1–12 | Jerusalem | Peter | Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria | Jewish |
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From Peter to Paul

Peter

Heals a man lame from birth (3:1-11)

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Jailed and miraculously freed (12:3-19)

Paul

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Heals by handkerchief (19:11-12)

Success is a cause of jealousy (13:45)

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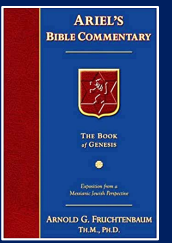
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The Book of Acts, 110



“One should note the contemptuous use of the phrase ‘in this name,’ for the religious leaders did not even want to say the name ‘*Yeshua*.’ Rabbinic writings often refer to *Yeshua* as ‘that man.’...In Matthew 27:63, the Pharisees called *Yeshua* ‘that deceiver,’ as was typical in Pharisaic Judaism. When the rabbis had an issue with someone, they substituted an epithet, title, or derogatory term for that person’s proper name. Even today, *Yeshua* is still called *Yeshu*, which in Hebrew forms a three-letter acronym meaning ‘May his name and memory be blotted out.’ He is also referred to as *Ha-Ish Ha-Hu*, meaning ‘that man,’ and *Ha-Taloui*, meaning ‘the hanged one.’”

C. Acts 4:17-18

Decision

1. Goal (17)

2. Command (18)

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Emphasis of 2 Timothy

“By my count, there are twenty-seven explicit commands given in the body of this letter. In 27 words Paul tells pastors what to focus on. You have to be blind to miss the thrust of Paul's instructions here, because *eighteen* of those commands--fully *two-thirds*--have to do with the ministry of the *Word*.”

Daniel Wallace, “Crisis of the Word: A Message to Pastors or Would-be Pastors,”
Conservative Theological Journal 1, no. 2 (August 1997): 108.

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D. Acts 4:19-20

Apostles' Response

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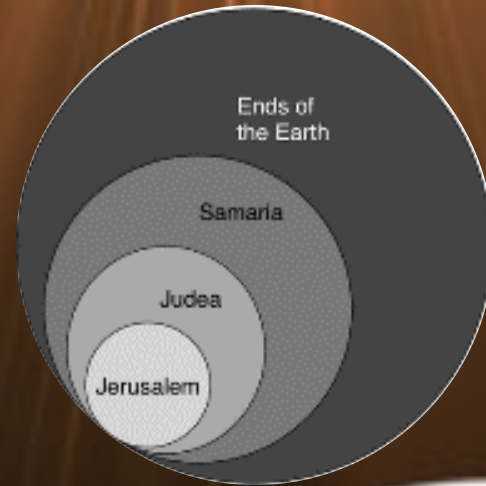
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Acts 1:8

“but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”



E. Acts 4:21-22

Sanhedrin's Response

1. Decision (21)

2. Observation about the Lame Man (22)

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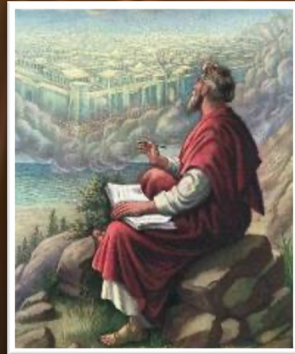
Acts 2:22

“Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know.”



John 20:30-31

“Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”



“SEVEN SIGNS” in Gospel of John



1. Changing Water into Wine

2:11



2. Healing official's son

4:46-54



3. Healing an invalid at the Pool of Bethesda

5:1-18



4. Feeding the 5,000

6:5-14



5. Walking on water

6:16-21

6. Healing a blind man

9:1-7



7. Raising dead Lazarus

11:1-45



Activities of the Local Church

(Acts 2:41-47)

- Doctrine (Acts 2:42)
- Ordinances (Acts 2:41-42, 46)
- Prayer (Acts 2:42)
- Evangelism (Acts 2:47)
- Worship (Acts 2:47)
- Benevolence (Acts 2:44-45)
- Fellowship (Acts 2:42, 46-47)

Exodus 20:8-11

Solar Non-Consecutive Days?

⁸ “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath of the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.”



Exodus 31:15-17

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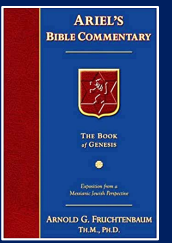
¹⁵ ‘For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there is a sabbath of complete rest, holy to the LORD; whoever does any work on the sabbath day shall surely be put to death. ¹⁶ ‘So the sons of Israel shall observe the sabbath, to celebrate the sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant.’ ¹⁷ “It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased *from labor*, and was refreshed.”





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The Book of Acts, 113



“The apostles addressed God as ‘Lord,’ or in Greek as *despotés*. This term is used a total of ten times in the New Testament: four times of a human lord (I Tim. 6:1, 2; Titus 2:9; I Pet. 2:18), three times of God (Lk. 2:29; Acts 4:24; Rev. 6:10), and three times of the Messiah (II Tim. 2:21; II Peter 2:1; Jude 4). In this verse, the apostles used the word in the sense of a master-slave relationship. Thus, they recognized God’s authority. He is the One who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all life that is in them. This was a recognition of God’s power displayed in the act of creation.”

C. Acts 4:25-30

Prayer

1. Citation of Ps. 2:1-2 (25-26)
2. Application (27-28)
3. Three requests (29-30)

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2 Timothy 3:16-17

“All Scripture is inspired by God [theópneustos] and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”



2 Peter 1:19-21

“¹⁹ So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. ²⁰ But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹ for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved [pherō] by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”



INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE

V. 20-21

- Men Wrote as they were inspired by Holy Spirit
 - *“pherō” = to carry*
 - *Acts 27:15,17*
- Opposite of Knowledge of False Teachers
 - *Which is their own imagination*
 - *Jer. 23:16*



Zechariah 12:3

“It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.”



Zechariah 14:2-3

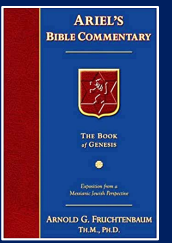
² For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. ³ Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle.





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The Book of Acts, 113-14



“The literal meaning of the verses in Psalm 2 refers to the Gentiles and the Gentile nations that will come against God and against the Messiah during the Campaign of Armageddon. But the application made here is to the Jewish leaders who have now spoken against God and His Anointed One. The psalmist declared that the Gentiles who in the future will rise up against God will include kings, but these Jewish leaders were not kings. Still, they gathered together against God and against His Anointed. That is the one point of similarity. Just as the Gentiles in Armageddon will come against the Lord and His Messiah, even so, these Jewish leaders have now come against the Lord and His Messiah.”

2. Acts 4:27-28

Prayer

- a) Human responsibility (27)
- b) Divine responsibility (28)

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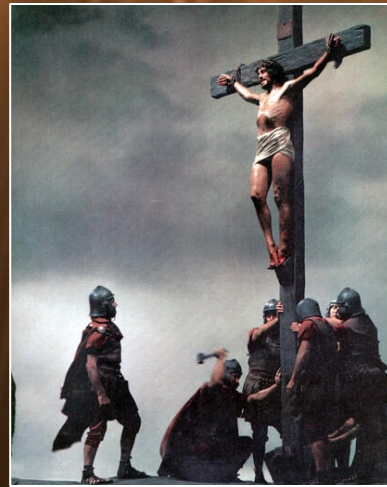
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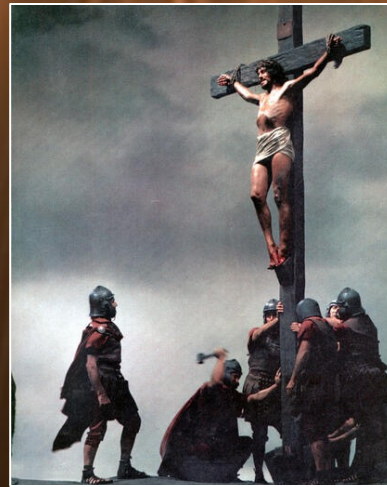
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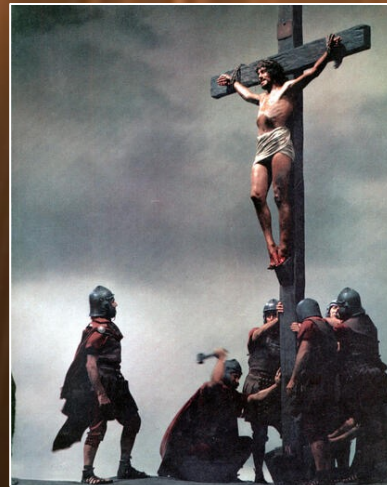
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C. Acts 4:25-30

Prayer

1. Citation of Ps. 2:1-2 (25-26)
2. Application (27-28)
3. Three requests (29-30)

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From the house called Ober, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying, that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. These all with one accord were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. At this time Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons was there present), and said, "Brethren, the Spirit has spoken to us by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who captured Jesus. "For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry. Close to him stood, a full man of his force of his utterance, and fitting knowledge, he bore open the mouth and all his brethren gazed on him, and because he was to all who were living in Jerusalem, and far there, ever keeping and fulfilling his duty as a witness in the book of Psalms, "LET HIS HOUSHOLD AND HIS MESH AND LET NO ONE DETRIMENT BE OFFERED." Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who have accompanied us all the time that Jesus went with us and out among us—beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection." So they



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3. Acts 4:29-30

Three Requests

- a) Consider their threats (29a)
- b) Boldness (29b)
- c) Confirmation via signs & wonders (30)

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From the house called Cenacle, which is now Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying, that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. There all with one mind were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with the brothers, the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred) and every person who there gathered, and said, "Brethren, the Spirit has led us to this building, which the Holy Spirit has chosen for us to dwell in, doing wonders and signs. For he has now opened among us and increased his share in this ministry; whose first sign was, as I said, with the laying on of hands, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who have accompanied us all the time that Jesus lived with us and all things we heard him say, should be taken up to one of these men because a witness with us of the resurrection." So they

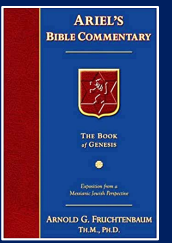


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The Book of Acts, 114-15



“What they were asking in the third prayer request is the continuous ability to perform these miracles of healing for the purpose of authenticating their message to their audience. Again, throughout the book of Acts, the only ones who performed miracles were the apostles and their legates, meaning those on whom the apostles laid hands. Believers in general were not performing signs and wonders, as people sometimes teach.”

1 Corinthians 12:13

“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”



D. Acts 4:31

Prayer Answered

1. Place shaken (25-26)
2. Holy Spirit's filling (27-28)
3. Bold speaking (29-30)

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From the house called Upper Room, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying, and Peter and John and James and Andrew and Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. These all with one mind were constantly agreeing together, and praying, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers, the brothers (a gathering of about one hundred) and every person who came to Jerusalem, to receive the Holy Spirit. Then they said to one another, "Brothers, we know that it is necessary for us to choose one of us to be witness for the apostles to the Gentiles. So let us draw lots for the name of the man to whom the Spirit will give his witness. For he must be one of us who have heard the Lord's voice, and who have been with him all the time he was living with us and received his share in this ministry. Close this book, and let us draw lots." So they drew lots, and the lot fell to Judas Thaddaeus, who was called Barsabbas, and Matthias. Then they prayed, and said, "Lord, the Lord, know the hearts of your servants, and show us which of these men you have chosen to be witness for the apostles to the Gentiles." Then they cast the lots, and the lot fell to Matthias. So he was added to the eleven apostles.

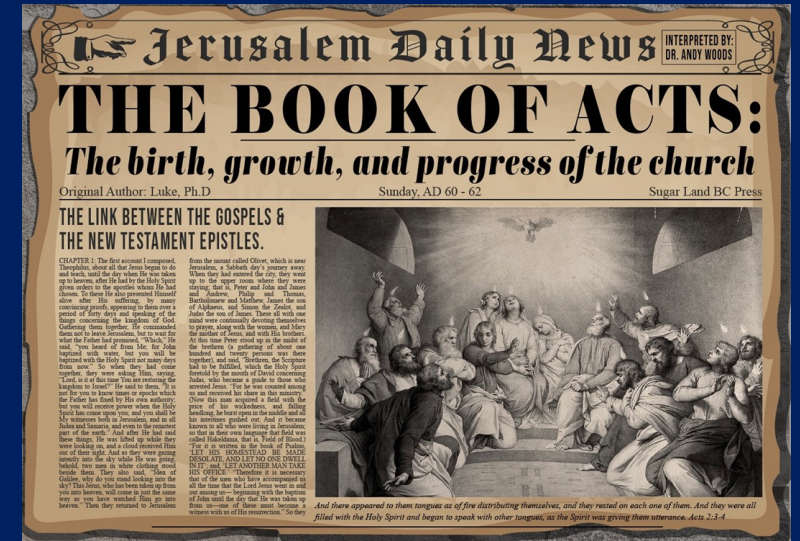


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Acts 4:1–5:11

Summary

- I. Apostles Arrested (4:1-4)
- II. Apostles Examined (4:5-12)
- III. Sanhedrin's Decision (4:13-22)
- IV. Apostles' Prayer (4:23-31)
- V. Pre-Ananias and Sapphira (4:32-37)
- VI. Ananias and Sapphira (5:1-11)



A. Acts 4:32-35

Community of the Saints

1. Characteristics of the Church (32-33)
2. Community of the Church (34-35)

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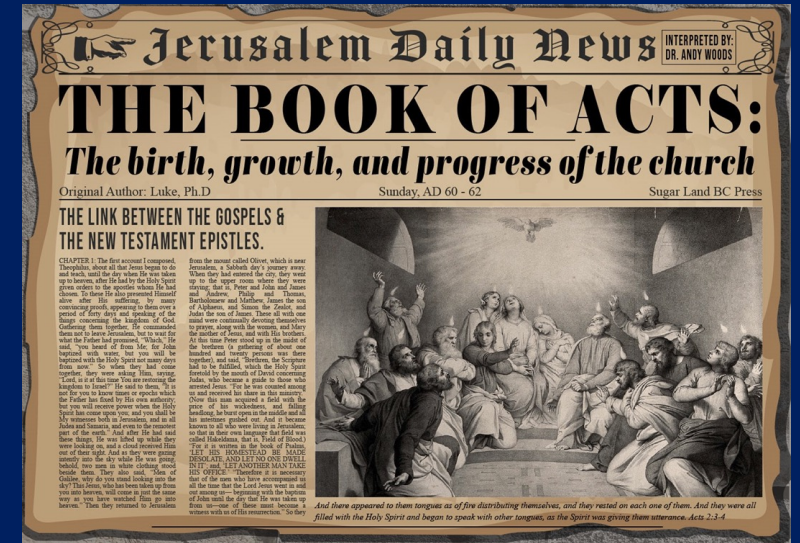


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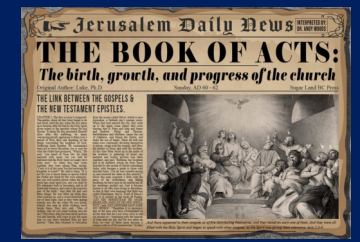
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Characteristics of the Church

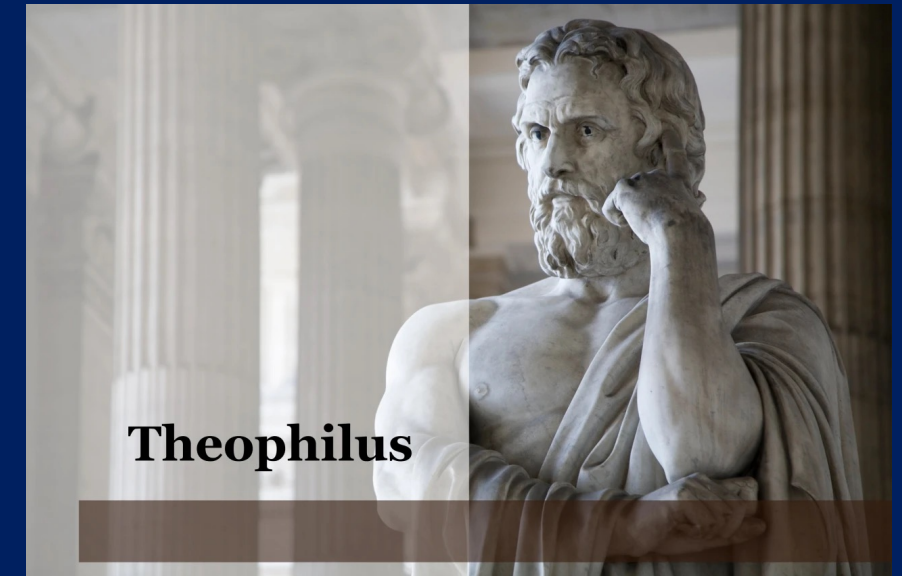
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- c) Apostolic witness (33a)
- d) Grace (33b)



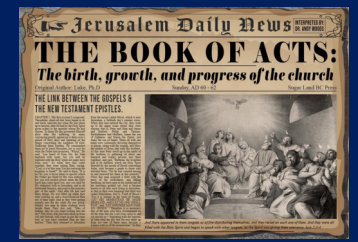
Purpose



- To present Theophilus with an orderly account of the birth and growth of the church so as to affirm him in what he has believed.



Message



- Birth and growth of the church numerically, geographically, ethnically.
- Components
 - Numerically (progress reports)
 - Geographically (From Jerusalem to Rome)
 - Ethnically (From Judaism to Gentile domination)



Belief-God's One Condition for Justification



“...because upwards of 150 passages of Scripture condition salvation upon **believing** only (cf. John 3:16; Acts 16:31).”

Lewis Sperry Chafer, vol. 7, *Systematic Theology*
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Belief – God's One Condition for Justification

Gen 15:6

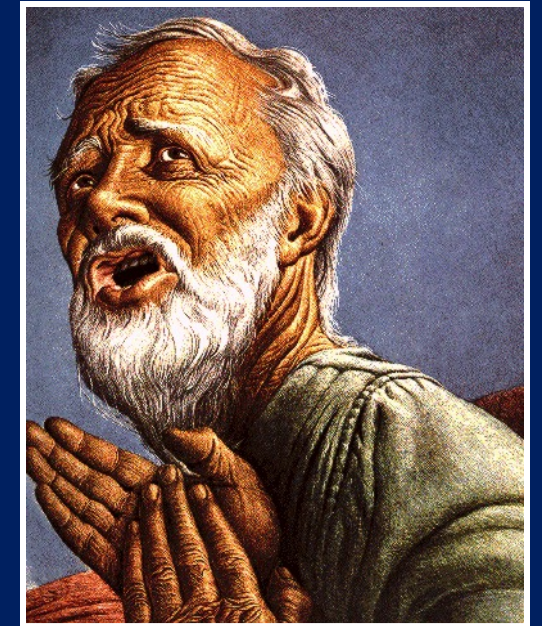
Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Acts 16:30-31

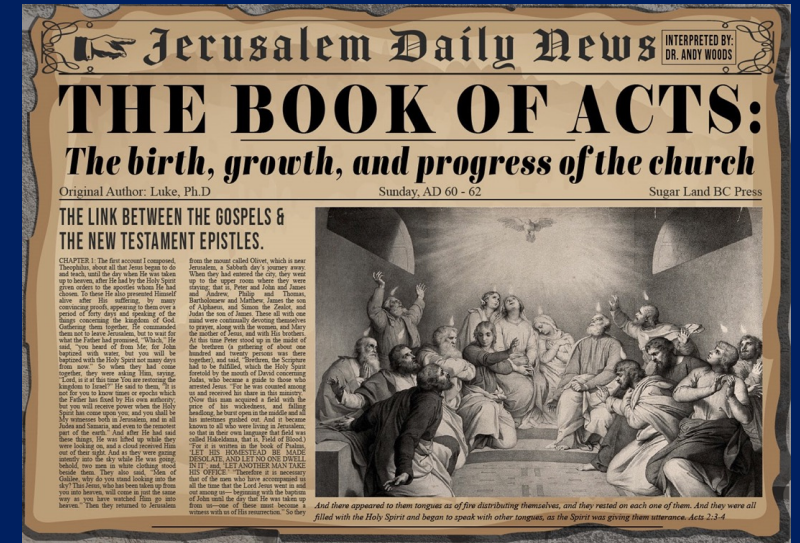
"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..."



1. Acts 4:32-33

Characteristics of the Church

- a) Multitude (32a)
- b) Sharing (32b)
- c) Apostolic witness (33a)
- d) Grace (33b)



Activities of the Local Church

(Acts 2:41-47)

- Doctrine (Acts 2:42)
- Ordinances (Acts 2:41-42, 46)
- Prayer (Acts 2:42)
- Evangelism (Acts 2:47)
- Worship (Acts 2:47)
- Benevolence (Acts 2:44-45)
- Fellowship (Acts 2:42, 46-47)

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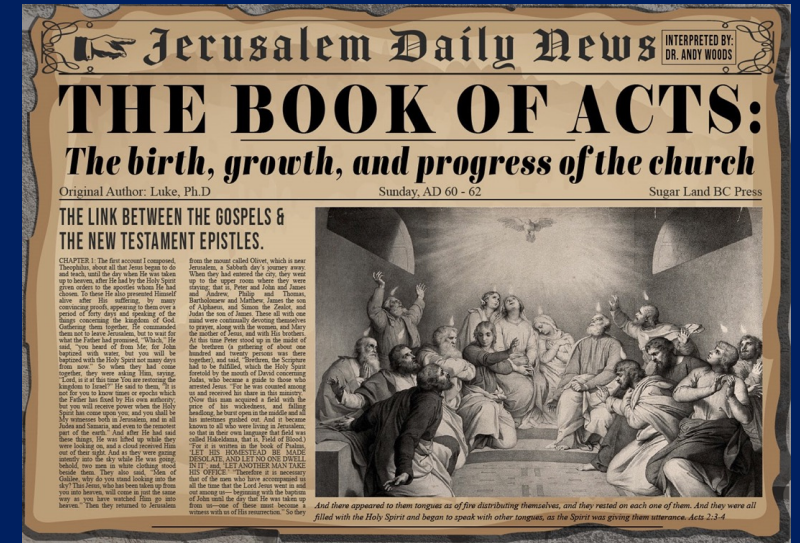
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B. Acts 2:15-35

Refutation of the Charge of Drunkenness

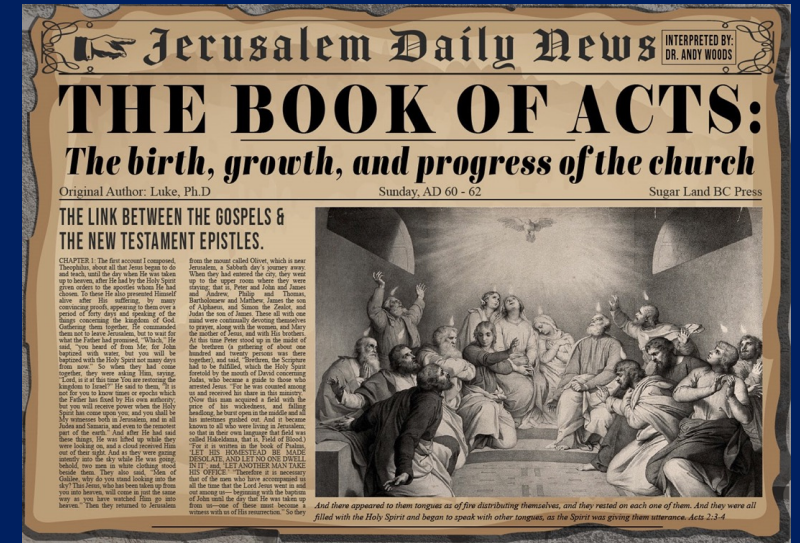
1. Too early (15)
2. Use of Joel 2:28-32 (16-21)
3. Christ's miracles (22)
4. Crucifixion (23)
5. Resurrection (24)
6. Use of Psalm 16:8-11 (25-29)
7. Use of Psalm 132:11 (30-32)
8. High priestly ministry (33)
9. Use of Psalm 110:1 (34-35)



2. Acts 3:13-15

Israel's Rejection of Her Messiah

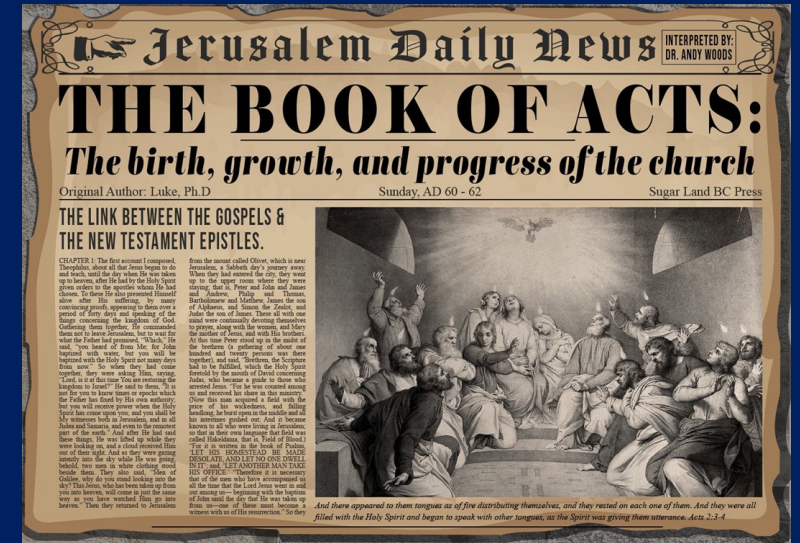
- a) God sent His Son (13a)
- b) Delivered to Pilate (13b)
- c) Rejection of the Holy & Righteous One (14)
- d) Killed the Prince of Life (15a)
- e) Messiah was Resurrected (15b)



1. Acts 4:32-33

Characteristics of the Church

- a) Multitude (32a)
- b) Sharing (32b)
- c) Apostolic witness (33a)
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2. Acts 4:34-35

Community of the Church

- a) Provision (34a)
- b) Means of provision (34b-35a)
- c) Communal living (35b)

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LET US HOPEFULLY SEE MATTHEW, MARK, AND LUTHER'S TAKE HIS OFFICE. Therefore it is necessary one of the men who have accompanied to all the time and the Lord Jesus with an old man, we - bringing with the baptism of John into the day that he was taken up from us - one of these men because a witness with of the resurrection. The day.



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God's Provision for the Giver

(Phil. 4:19)

- Exodus 16
- 1 Kings 17:2-6
- Psalm 37:25
- Matthew 6:25-34





2. Acts 4:34-35

Community of the Church

- a) Provision (34a)
- b) Means of provision (34b-35a)**
- c) Communal living (35b)

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From the moment called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying, and Peter and John and James and Andrew and Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. These all with one mind were constantly agreeing together to pray, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with the brothers, in the house (a gathering of about one hundred) and every day, they were devotedly attending to the apostles' teaching, and eating and drinking in common, and praising God continually, and having good will toward all men. And the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased exceedingly. He was made a guide to those who entered Jerusalem. For he was a Cypriot man and received his share in this ministry. Close their ears, equipped a hand with the sign of the cross, and having been baptized, he had been given in the middle and all his brethren, great and small, and to all who were living in Jerusalem, and he had been ever keeping and doing very good works among the people. This is in written in the book of Psalms: LET HIM HOIST UP HIS HANDS AS DAVID, AND LET HIS BROTHERS MAKE HIM OFFER. Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who have accompanied us all the time that Jesus went with us and all things we have heard with the lips of Jesus, be one of these men because a witness with us of the resurrection." So they



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Ephesians 2:20

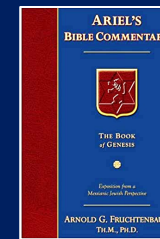
“having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*.”





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The Book of Acts, 118-19

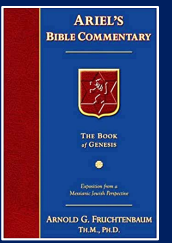


“Wealthier believers sold their possessions, whether they were land holdings or houses, and all of this money was laid at the feet of the apostles. This was a clear recognition of apostolic authority. Nowadays, believers do not lay their financial possessions before the feet of others because there are no apostles anymore. The apostles had a unique authority, and in recognition of this, the saints brought them whatever they made from selling their possessions. The Greek tense allows for the translation to read, ‘Selling, they brought from time to time as it was occasioned by reason of need.’ In other words, the believers did not necessarily lay their entire profits at the apostles’ feet all at once. They would sometimes do it bit by bit as needs arose.”



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The Book of Acts, 119

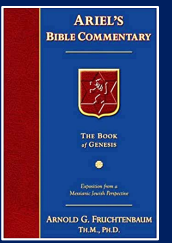


“Some have tried to base a doctrine of communism using this passage, but this was simply charity built on the teachings of *Yeshua*. It was not communism for five reasons. First, according to Acts 5:4, this giving was a voluntary act of the believers of Jerusalem. Second, as was pointed out, the Greek tense of verse 34 indicates that varying portions were sold according to the conscience of the individuals; it was not a one-time act. Third, this action was largely based upon a misconception concerning the second coming. The Jewish believers felt strongly that *Yeshua* would return in their lifetime, although He had clearly indicated that this would not happen.”



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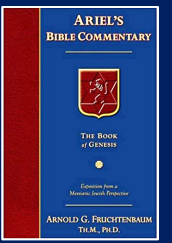


“In fact, *Yeshua* prophesied in John 21:18-19 that Peter would die before His second coming. Fourth, this practice was limited to the congregation of Jerusalem; it did not spread to the other churches. Fifth, it proved to be a mistake, because it caused the church of Jerusalem to become poverty-stricken; after everything had been sold and distributed, there was nothing left in the common pot. The poverty of the congregation caused the Jewish believers to fall in need of help from Gentile churches that did not follow the procedure of having all things common (Acts 11:27-30; 24:17; Rom. 15:25-27; Gal. 2:10). Thus, there is no basis in this passage for developing the doctrine of communism.”



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“A very important principle of biblical interpretation is to distinguish between what is descriptive and what is prescriptive. Historical accounts are descriptive, simply reporting what has occurred, but there is no command to forward the practice. Only when a specific command is given does it become prescriptive, an imperative to follow.”

V. Pre-Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 4:32-37

A. Community of the Saints (32-35)

B. Barnabas' Positive Example (36-37)

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From the house called Clove, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying, and Peter and John and James and Andrew and Thomas and Barnabas and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. There all with one mind were continually agreeing to devote to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with the brethren, a gathered of about one hundred, and saying, "Pray, ye men brethren, and say, 'If it seemeth good unto the Holy Spirit and unto us, let us choose Judas, who became a guide to those who entered Jerusalem: for he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry.' Close their eyes, and a man with the name of Matthias stood up. And he kneeling, he bare open the chest, and all his brethren, and falling down to all who were living in Jerusalem, he said in their ears, saying, 'And brethren, ye shall know that I have been a witness in the book of Psalms, 'LET HIS HOLY SPIRIT CHOOSE HIS MINISTER, AND LET HIM TAKE HIS OFFICE.' Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who have accompanied us all the way should be chosen with us, and all among us—beginning with the baptism of John until the day that he was taken up:—one of these must become a witness with us of the resurrection.' So they



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B. Acts 4:36-37

Barnabas' Positive Example

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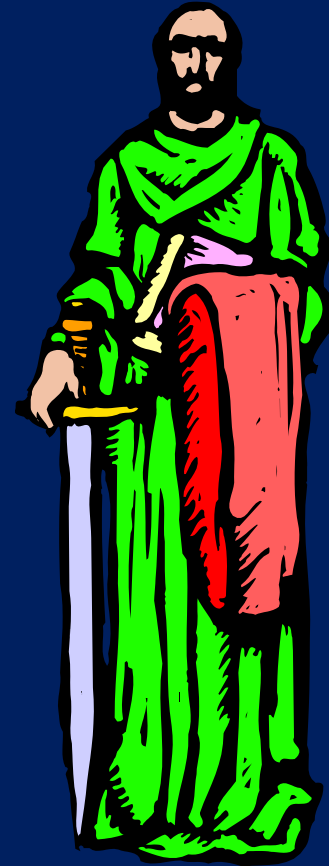
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Enumeration of Spiritual Gifts

(Rom 12:6b-8)

1. "Prophecy" (6b)
2. "Service" (7a)
3. "Teaching" (7b)
4. "Exhortation" (8a)
5. "Giving" (8b)
6. "Leading" (8c)
7. "Mercy" (8d)



Spiritual Gifts

- **Exhortation**: the ability to encourage others in the body of Christ



12/12/4/4

- Romans 12
- 1 Corinthians 12
- 1 Peter 4
- Ephesians 4



ISRAEL'S JUDGMENTS

- Division of the kingdom in 931 B.C. (1 Kgs. 12)
- Assyrian judgment in 722 B.C. (2 Kgs. 17)
- Babylonian captivity in 586 B.C. (2 Kgs. 25)
- Rome *Diaspora* in A.D. 70 (Luke 19:41-44)



Distinctions Between 144,000 & Multitude

| 144,000 | MULTITUDE |
|---|--|
| Revelation 7:1-8 | Revelation 7:9-17 |
| Numbered | Innumerable |
| Jews | All nations |
| Sealed | Slain |
| Sealed <u>before</u> the Tribulation | Converted <u>out of</u> the Tribulation |

Hitchcock and Ice, *The Truth Behind Left Behind*, 77

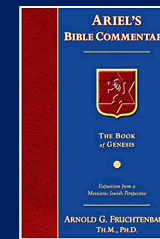






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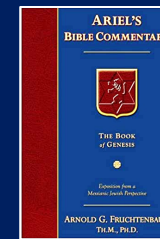


“Additional facts about Barnabas can be gleaned from other passages of Scripture. His name appears 23 times in the book of Acts, and this is the first time he is mentioned. Furthermore, he is mentioned five times elsewhere in the New Testament: I Corinthians 9:6; Galatians 2:1, 9, 13; and Colossians 4:10. He was the cousin of John Mark, who was the author of the Gospel of Mark (Col. 4:10). He was the man who persuaded the church of Jerusalem to receive Paul (Acts 9:27) when Paul returned to Jerusalem from Damascus claiming to have become a believer. Later, Barnabas was sent by the church of Jerusalem to investigate Gentile salvation in Antioch (Acts 11:19-24).”



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“He was full of the Holy Spirit (Acts 11:24), which means he was a man who was controlled by the Holy Spirit. He brought Paul from Tarsus to Antioch to begin his ministry there (Acts 11:25-26). According to Acts 14:12, he was of commanding appearance, as he was taken by the people of Lystra to be the god Jupiter or Zeus. Finally, he also had the gift of apostleship (Acts 14:14) and was of that second category of apostles, like Paul or James, the half-brother of *Yeshua*. The only prerequisite for this category of apostleship was that they had seen the resurrected Messiah. Apparently, Barnabas was among the five hundred who saw *Yeshua* after His resurrection (I Cor. 15:6).”



Dr. Stanley Toussaint

The Book of Acts, The Bible Knowledge Commentary, p. 364.

“Whereas the Levites were not to hold land in Israel, they could own land elsewhere. Apparently, Barnabas, being from the island of Cyprus, owned land there. It is also possible that his wife owned land in Israel and that they together sold it.”

2. Acts 4:37 Barnabas' Work

- a) Owned field (37a)
- b) Sold field (37b)
- c) Donation (37c)

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2. Acts 5:3-4

Peter's Accusation

- a) Guilty parties (3)
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From the house called Upper, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying, and Peter and John and James and Andrew and Thomas and Matthias, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. These all with one mind were constantly agreeing themselves to pray, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with the brothers (a gathering of about one hundred) and every person who came to Jerusalem, and said, "Brethren, the Spirit has pointed to us among the brethren, Judas, who became a guide to those who captured Jesus. For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry." Close their eyes, and he said, "And you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth. And after he had said these things, he was taken up while they were looking on, and a cloud received him out of their sight, and as they were gazing steadily into the sky while he was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched him go into heaven. Then they returned to Jerusalem.



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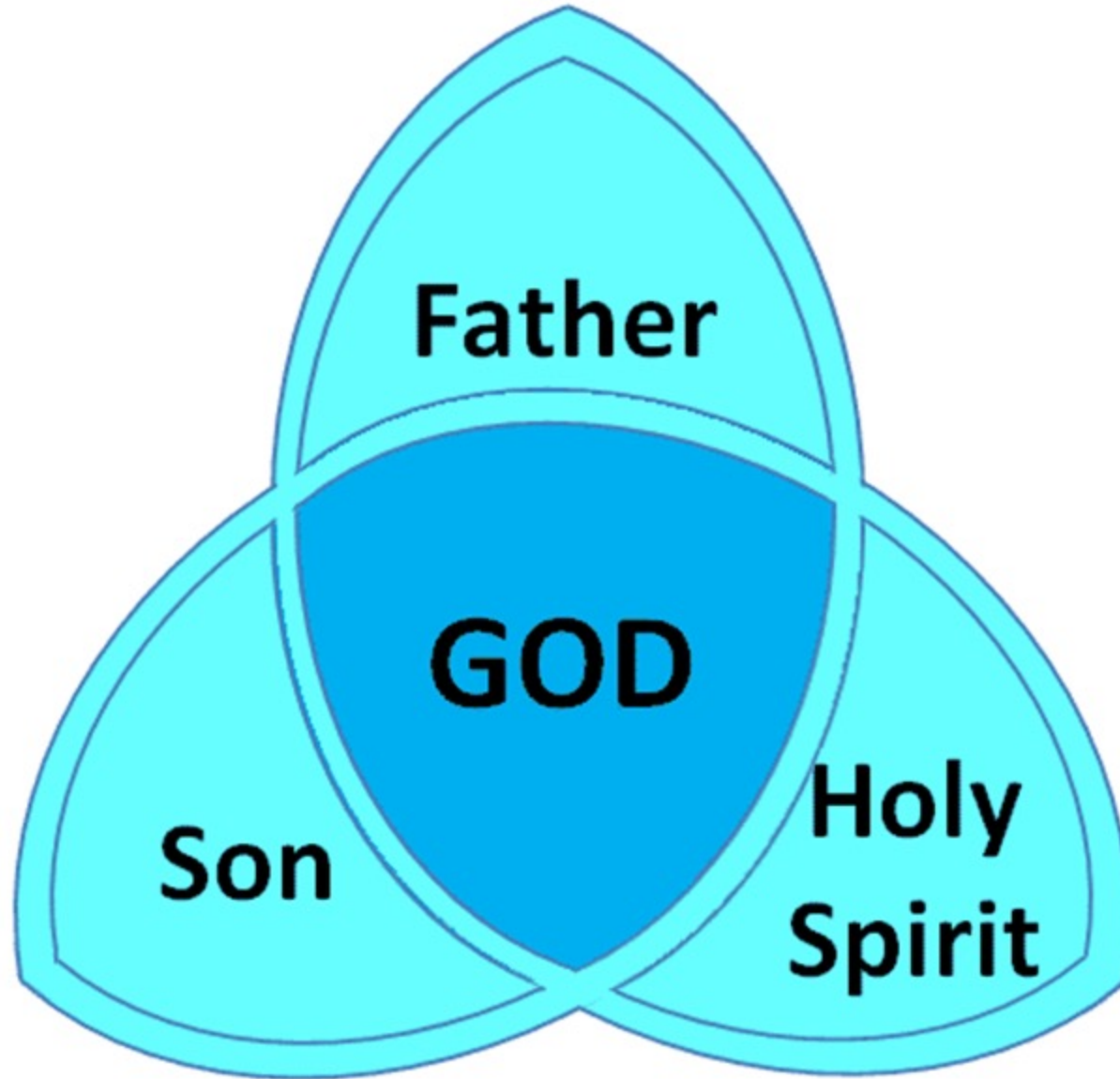


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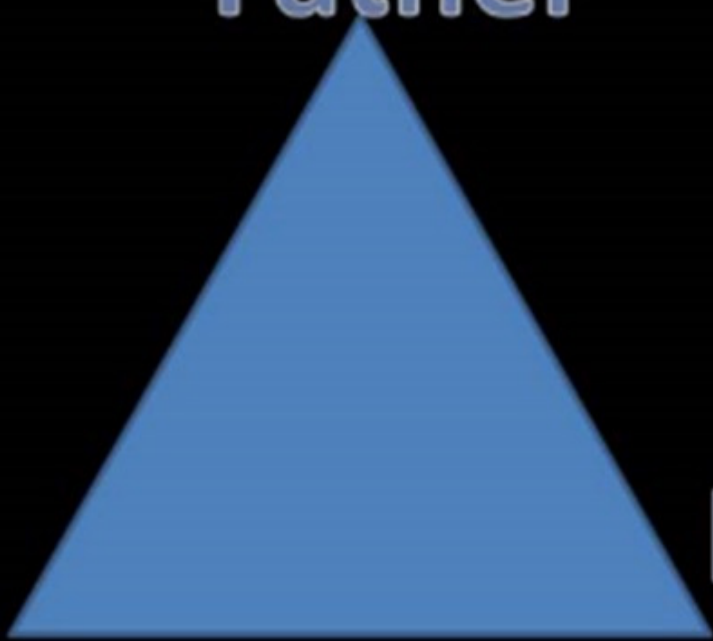


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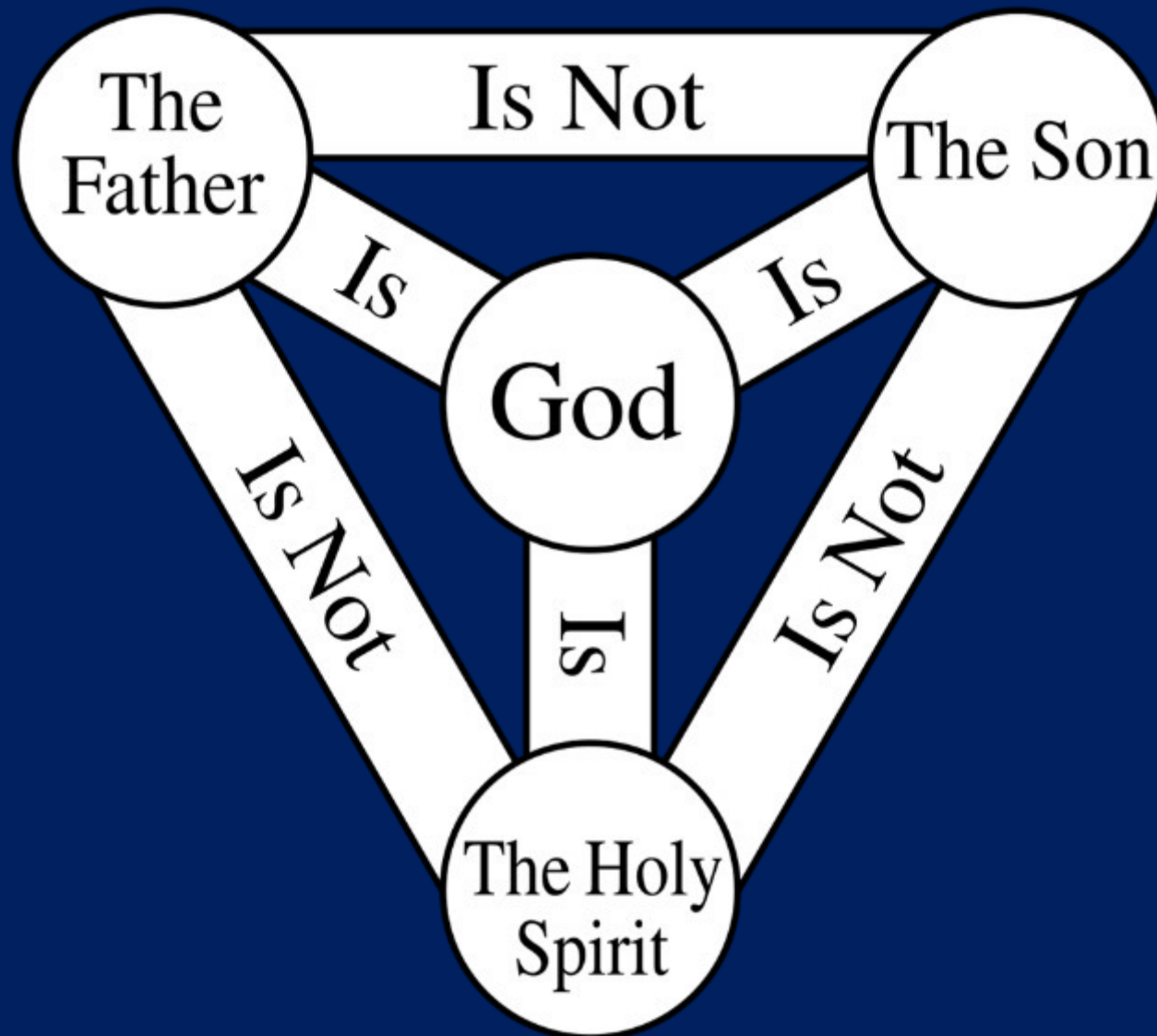
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- Romans 12
- 1 Corinthians 12
- 1 Peter 4
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3. Acts 5:5-6

Ananias's Discipline

- a) Death (5)
- b) Burial (6)

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From the moment called Christ, which is seen Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying, that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew and Thomas Barnabas and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. There all with one mind were constantly agreeing themselves to pray, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with the brethren. At the time Peter stood up to the multitude of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred), and saying, "Brethren, we have heard, and we are agreed, that the Holy Spirit has testified by the mouth of John concerning Jesus, who became a guide to those who entered Jerusalem. For he was crucified among us and received his share in this martyr's close. His name acquired a fixed and lasting place in the foundation, and having been laid, he has been given in the middle and all his brethren, great and small, known to all who were living in Jerusalem, and in those ever hearing and doing what the Holy Spirit has said in the book of Isaiah. LET US, BROTHERS, UNITE OUR VOICES IN ONE MOUTH, AND LET ANDREW MAN TAKE HIS OFFICE." Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who have accompanied us all the time that Jesus lived with us and all things we have heard with the lips of Jesus be one of these men because a witness with us of the resurrection." So they



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From the moment called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying, that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew and Thomas Barnabas and Matthew, Joseph the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. There all with one mind were constantly agreeing themselves to pray, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred) and every person who came to Jerusalem, and said, "Brethren, we listen to you as to the Lord, the Holy Spirit has made for the apostles in every country Judas, who became a guide to those who entered Jerusalem. For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry." Close their eyes, equipped a field with the grace of the resurrection, and having knowledge, he had been given in the middle and all his brethren, great and small, and he became known to all who were living in Jerusalem, so that he had been keeping and had been called Judas, the brother of Joseph.

IT IS IN MENTION IN THE BOOK OF FRANKLIN, THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND LET US KNOW THE HOLY SPIRIT. Therefore it is necessary one of the men who have accompanied him all the time and the Lord Jesus went and out among us — beginning with the baptism of John until the day that he was taken up into us — one of these men because a witness with us of the resurrection." So they



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B. Acts 5:7-10

Sapphira's' Discipline

1. Sin (7-8)
2. Peter's confrontation & judgment (9)
3. Death and burial (10)

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From the house called Upper, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had eaten the cake they were sitting down, Peter and John and James and Andrew and Thomas Barnabas and Manasse, Sapphira the wife of Sapphira, and Telesphorus the son of Alphaeus, and Cleopas the Greek, and Julius the son of Julius. There sat with one and another constantly, according to their custom, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with her brothers. At this time Peter stood up to the right of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons, was there besides) and said, "Brethren, the Spirit has testified by the mouths of all the prophets that Jesus, who became a guide to those who entered Jerusalem, "For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry." Close this man acquired a field with the price of his inheritance, and having laid it down, he bore open to the middle and all his brethren, great and small, of the house to all who were living in Jerusalem, so that no one ever lay down and did not give satisfaction to the Lord of Hosts. This is in witness in the book of Deuteronomy. "LET HIM WHO TELLS HIS OFFICE." Therefore it is necessary one of the men who have accompanied in all our work and have been with us all our days, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven. Then they returned to Jerusalem.



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VI. Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 5:1-11

A. Ananias' Discipline (1-6)

B. Sapphira's Discipline (7-10)

C. Result (11)

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From the moment called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying, and Peter and John and James and Andrew and Thomas and Matthias, and Simon the son of Alphaeus, and Cleopas the brother of James, and with them the women (a gathering of about one hundred) and many other persons, were there to pray, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with her brother, at the time Peter stood up to the right of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred) and saying, "Brethren, we know how that in the past, the Holy Spirit testified by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who captured Jesus: "For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry." Close their eyes, and he fell with his face to the pavement, and being laid up, he never opened his eyes, and all his brethren, and many thousands to all who were living at Jerusalem, so that they were keeping that day with great gladness. And it became known to all who were living at Jerusalem, and that in their own language that day was called Matthias' day. For it is written in the book of Psalms: "LET HIM WHO HATH MOUTHED AND LET HIM WHO HATH HIS OFFICE." Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who have accompanied us all the time that Jesus lived with us and all evening us—beginning with the baptism of Jesus until the day that He was taken up into one of these men because a witness with us of His resurrection." So they



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Acts 2:47

“praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.” (NASB)

“praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.” (NKJV)



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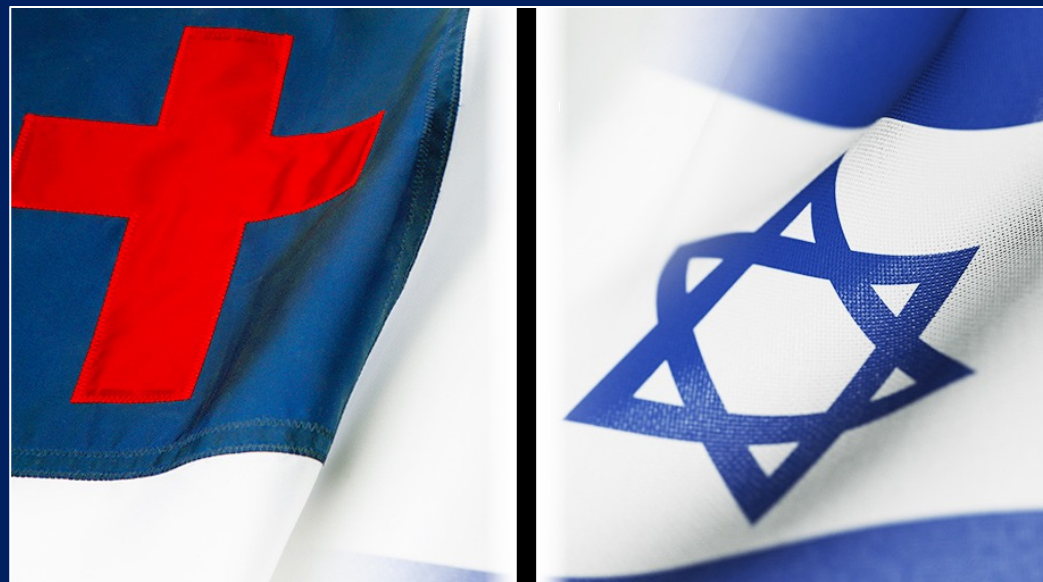
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“In the book of Acts, both Israel and the church exist simultaneously. The term *Israel* is used twenty times and *ekklēsia* (church) nineteen times, yet the two groups are always kept distinct.”



The 7 Churches in Revelation

Rev. 1:11



Conclusion

