

# THE BOOK OF ACTS:

## The birth, growth, and progress of the church

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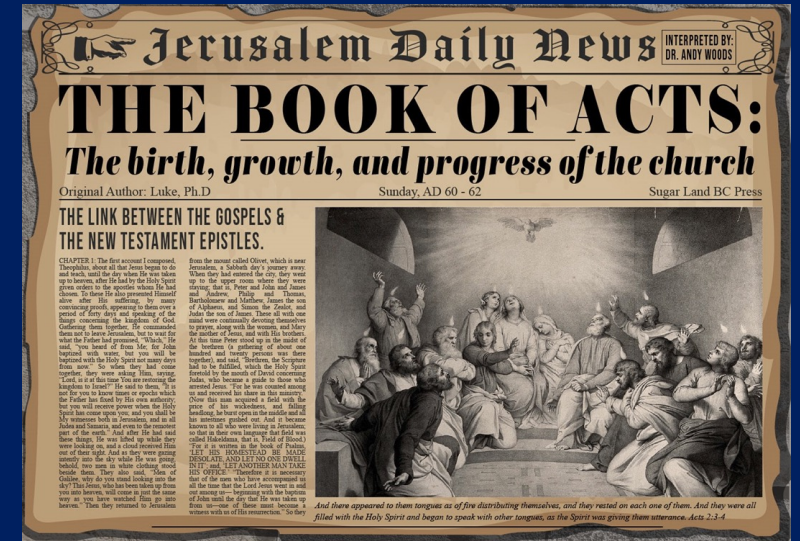
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# Acts 4:1–5:11

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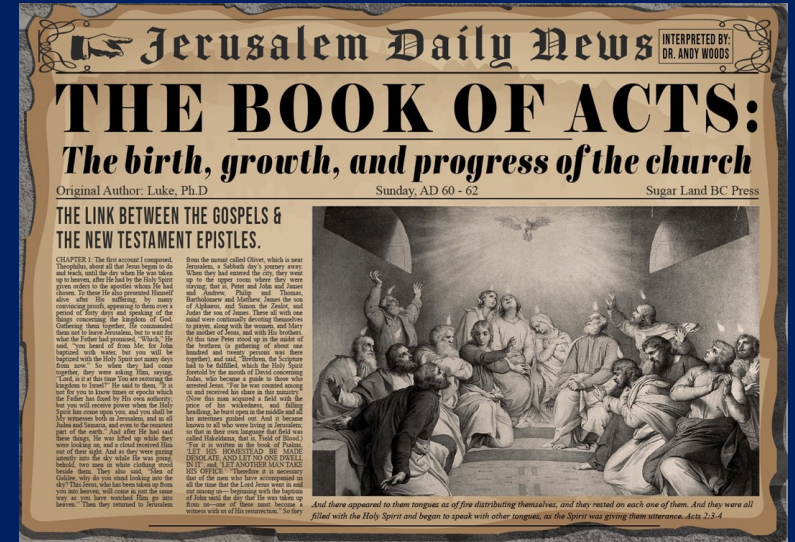
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# Activities of the Local Church

(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?

<sup>8</sup> “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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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<sup>15</sup> ‘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. <sup>16</sup> ‘So the sons of Israel shall observe the sabbath, to celebrate the sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant.’ <sup>17</sup> “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

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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

“<sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> 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

2 Peter 1:20-21

- 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

<sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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 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.”

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From the house called Upper, 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; and Peter and John and James and Andrew and Thomas and Matthias, and 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, in the time Peter stood up to the multitude of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred) and saying, "Brethren, we have heard that in Caesarea, the Holy Spirit testified by the mouth of Cyprian concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who captured Jesus. For he was quoted among us and received his share in this matter." Close their eyes, and with the hands laid upon the heads of the brethren, let them receive the Holy Spirit, as Peter had done in Caesarea. And if because of the multitude, and having listened to all who were living in Jerusalem, you find it necessary to appoint more witnesses to all who were living in Jerusalem, so that they may hear and have their eyes opened, let them be appointed in the book of names. LET US, BROTHERS, CHOOSE US STEPHEN, FULL OF FAITH AND POWER, WHO HAS DONE GREAT SIGNS AND WONDERS AMONG THE PEOPLE. Therefore it is necessary that we lay hands upon him, and send him out among us—bearing with the baptism of John such as the day that he was taken up. Now to—one of these men because a witness with us of the resurrection." So they



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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 agreeing together to pray, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with the brethren. At the time Peter stood up to the right of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons, was there assembled) 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 field with the price of the inheritance, and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his contents poured out. And because he was full of blood and unrighteousness, he perished to all who were living in Jerusalem, so that he had even hearing and sight was taken from him. For he is written in the book of Psalms, "LET HIS HOUSHOLD AND HIS MESH AND LET NO ONE DELIVER HIM OFFER." 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 into us — one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection." So they



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## Ephesians 2:20

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# Dr. Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum

*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 delegates, meaning those on whom the apostles laid hands. Believers in general were not performing signs and wonders, as people sometimes teach.”

## Acts 4:12

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must [*dei*] be saved.”

MyBible says

**SALVATION  
IS IN CHRIST  
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# IV. Apostles' Prayer

## Acts 4:23-31

A. Report to the Apostles (23)

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# 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.”







## Isaiah 55:10-11

<sup>10</sup> “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
And do not return there without watering the earth And  
making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the  
sower and bread to the eater; <sup>11</sup> So will My word be which  
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Without accomplishing what I desire, And without  
succeeding *in the matter* for which I sent it.”



# Acts 4:1–5:11

## Summary

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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, that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew and Thomas and Matthias and Simon the son of Alphaeus, and Cleopas the brother of Simon, 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 His brothers. At this time Peter stood up to the middle of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred), and saying, 'Brethren, we have heard that in Caesarea, the Holy Spirit rested by the hands of Peter, convincing Judas, who became a guide to those who opposed Jesus. For he was quoted among us and received his share in this ministry.' Close that man requires a final, with the grace of the brethren, and having kneeling, he laid open in the middle and all his brethren, prostrate, and it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem, so that no one ever dared to do anything against the apostles. This is in accord with the book of Isaiah, 'LET HIM THAT HEARETH SAY: MEEKLY, AND LET HIM THAT SEETH SAY: I SEE NOT.' Therefore it is necessary one of the men who have accompanied us all the time that Jesus lived with us and all things we—beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up into heaven—should be chosen to be with us—one of these must become a witness with us of the resurrection.' So they



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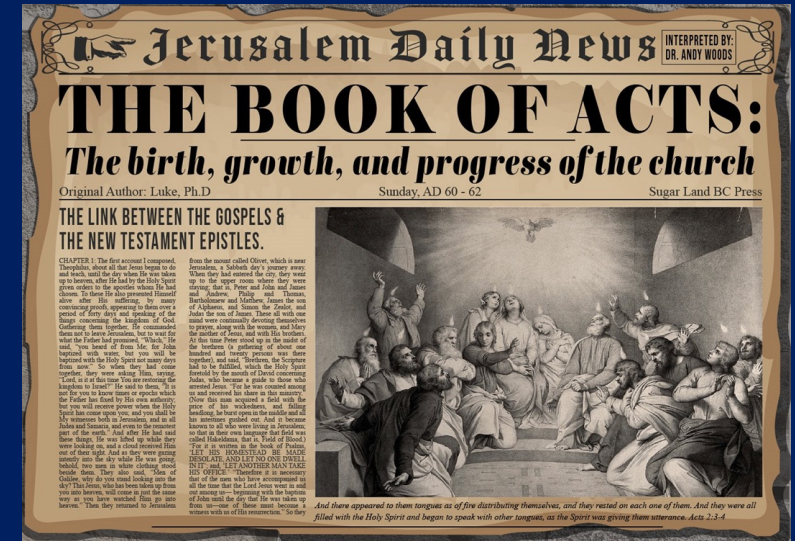


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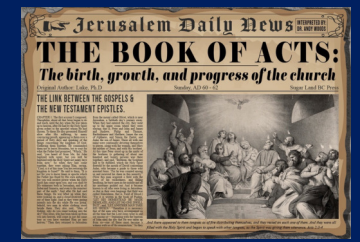
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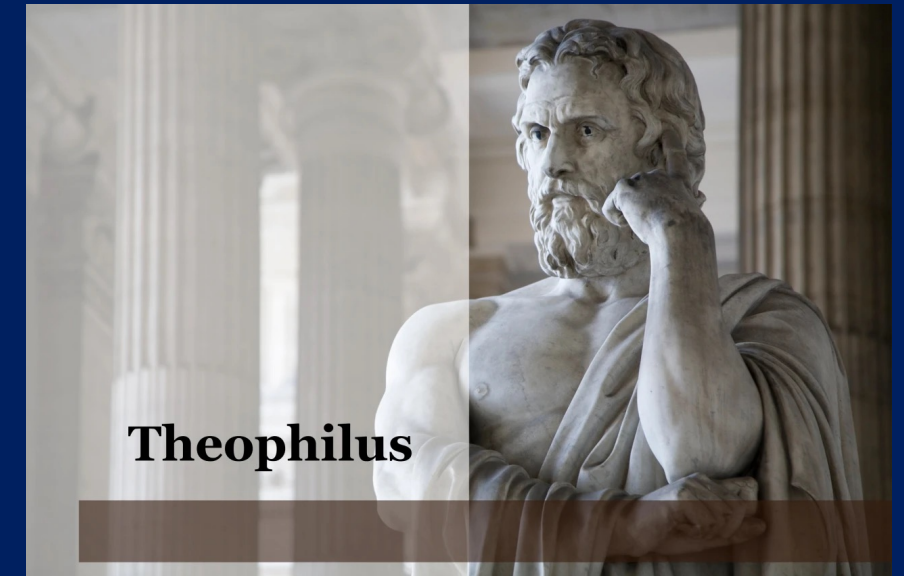


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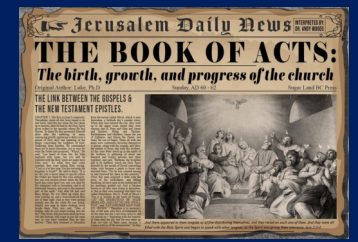
# Purpose



- 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).”

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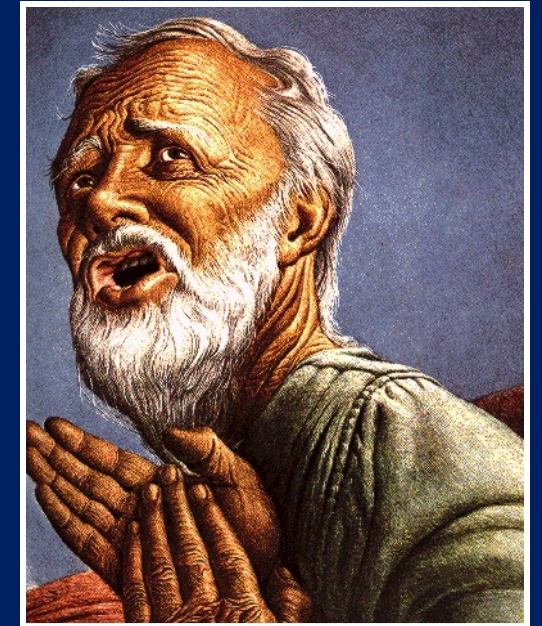
Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

## 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

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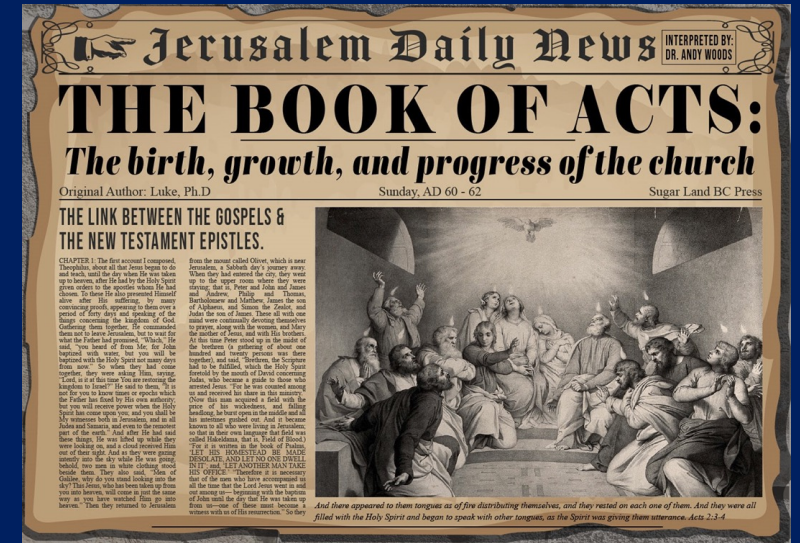




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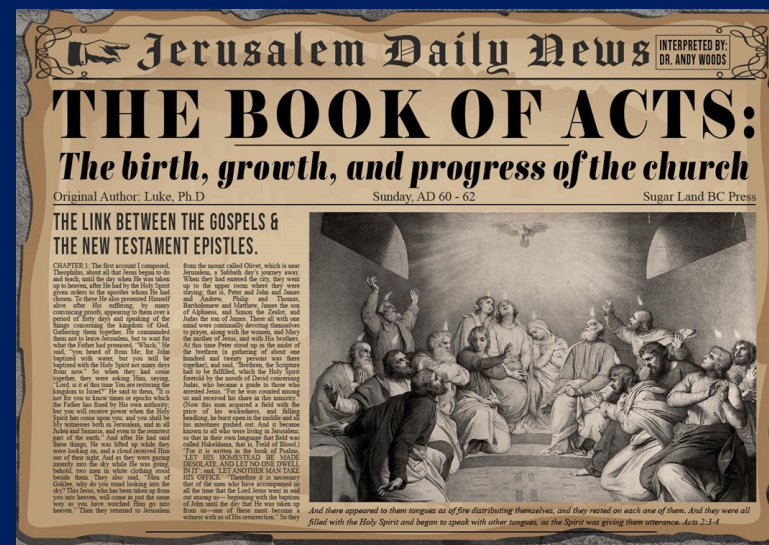
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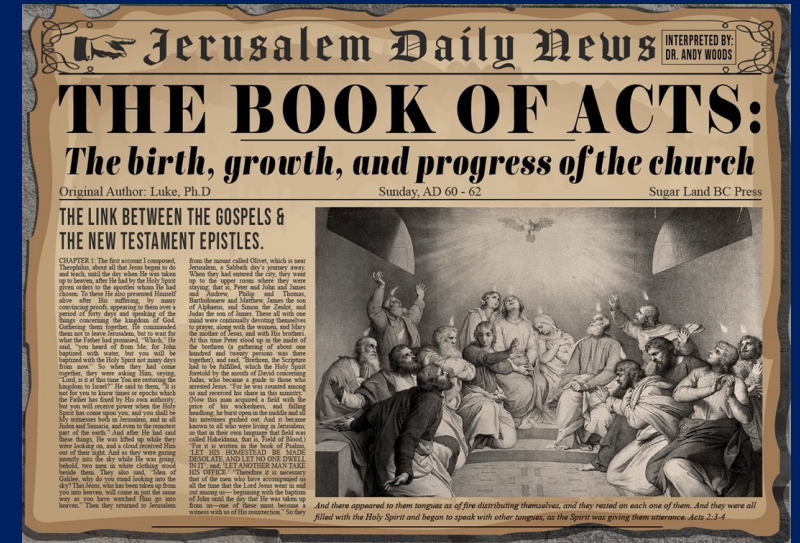
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7. Use of Psalm 132:11 (30-32)
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# Acts 3:13-15

## 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)
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# God's Provision for the Giver

(Phil. 4:19)

- Exodus 16
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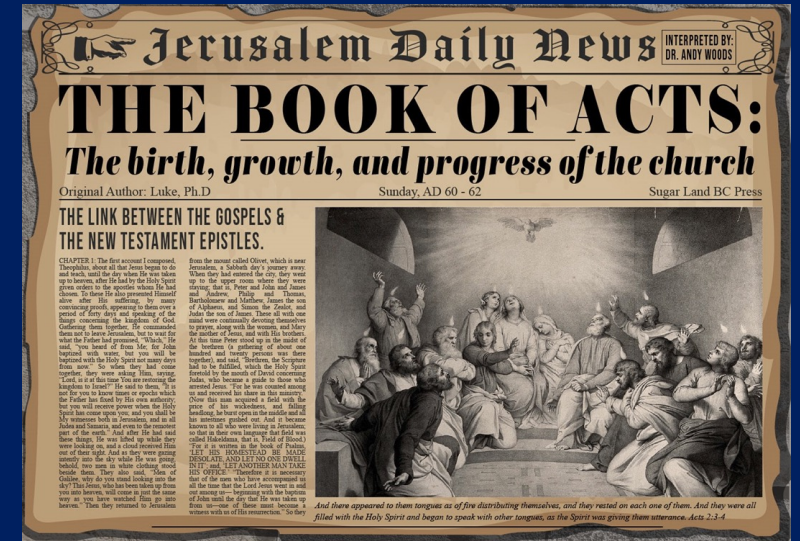




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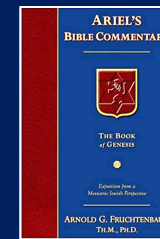
“having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*.”





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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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“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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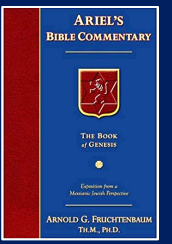


“In fact, *Yeshua* prophesied in John 21:18-19 that Peter would die before His second coming. Fourth, this practice was limited to the congregation of Jerusalem; it did not spread to the other churches. Fifth, it proved to be a mistake, because it caused the church of Jerusalem to become poverty-stricken; 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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# V. Pre-Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 4:32-37

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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, 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 brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons, was 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 twenty persons, was there to pray, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with her brother) and said, "Brethren, the Spirit has testified to the apostles in every city, that 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 that man, equipped a field with the price of his inheritance, and having kneeling, he bore open in the middle and all his brethren, great and small, he began to all who were living at Jerusalem, and that he had ever kept; and that was Cleopas' brethren that is, Paul of Tarsus. "It is in written in the book of Isaiah, "LET HIM WHO IS THIRSTY COME AND DRINK, AND LET HIM WHO IS WILLING TO TAKE THE WATER OF LIFE WITHOUT MONEY." Therefore it is necessary one of the men who have accompanied in all our work, the Lord Jesus, and all our meetings — beginning with the baptism of John until the day that he was taken up to — one of these must become a witness with us of the resurrection." So they



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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, 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 devoting themselves to prayer, 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 they were all united in prayer and praise, praising God continually. And 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 light with the face of the resurrection, and falling backward, he bore open the middle and all his members, great and small, and he began to all who were living in Jerusalem, and that he had ever kept; and that was the first time that he had ever spoken. This is in answer to the book of Isaiah, "LET HIM WHO IS THIRSTY COME AND TAKE OF THE WATER OF LIFE FREE OF CHARGE." Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who have accompanied in all our time and have seen with me all our things — 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 the resurrection." So they



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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





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# 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

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

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

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# Every Geographical Location in Acts/Epistles



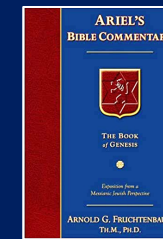






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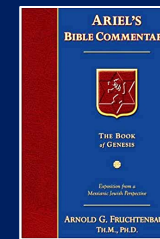
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“He was full of the Holy Spirit (Acts 11:24), which means he was a man who was controlled by the Holy Spirit. He brought Paul from Tarsus to Antioch to begin his ministry there (Acts 11:25-26). According to Acts 14:12, he was of commanding appearance, 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).”





# 2. Acts 4:37 Barnabas' Work

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b) Sold field (37b)

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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, Philip 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 brothers, the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred) and every person who came to Jerusalem, and said, "Brethren, the Holy Spirit has testified by the mouth of every man, that Judas, who became a guide to those who crucified Jesus. For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry. Close that man's ears, a foul with the spirit of the blasphemy, and filling his heart, he have given in the middle and all his sentence, great evil. And it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem, so that in their ears hearing that foul was closed. Brethren, men in Jerusalem, let it be in witness in the book of Isaiah. LET HIM HOUSTEAD THE MOUTH MOUTH, AND LET HIM SPEAK WITH HIS OFFICE. Therefore it is necessary one of the men who have accompanied in all our way, let us have one with us, and all among us — bringing with the baptism of John into the day, that he was taken up into — one of these must become a witness with us of the resurrection." So they



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## 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.”

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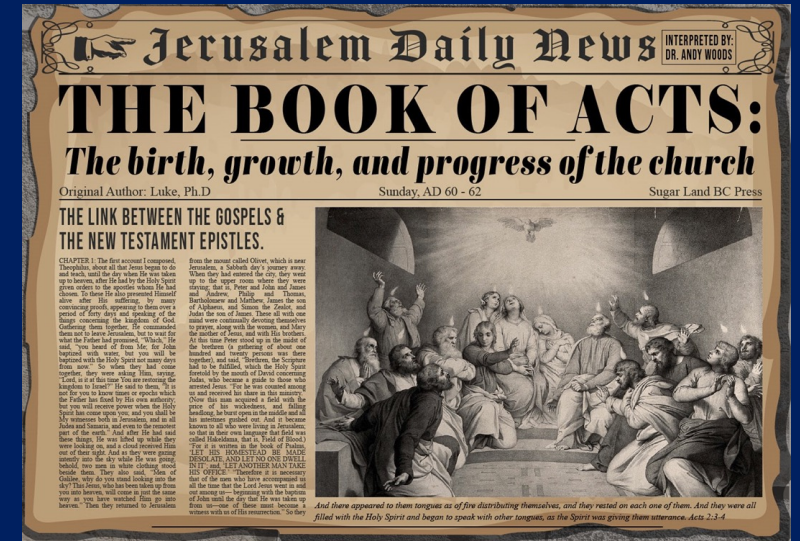
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# Acts 4:1–5:11

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# VI. Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 5:1-11

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# A. Acts 5:1-6

## Ananias' Discipline

### 1. Deed (1-2)

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### 3. Ananias' Discipline (5-6)

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LET US HOPEFULLY SEE MATTHEW, MARK, AND LUKE, AND LET US HEAR THE HOLY SPIRIT. Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who have accompanied us all the time that Jesus went with us and entered into our meetings — 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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# 2. Acts 5:3-4

## Peter's Accusation

- a) Guilty parties (3)
- b) Couple's responsibility (4)

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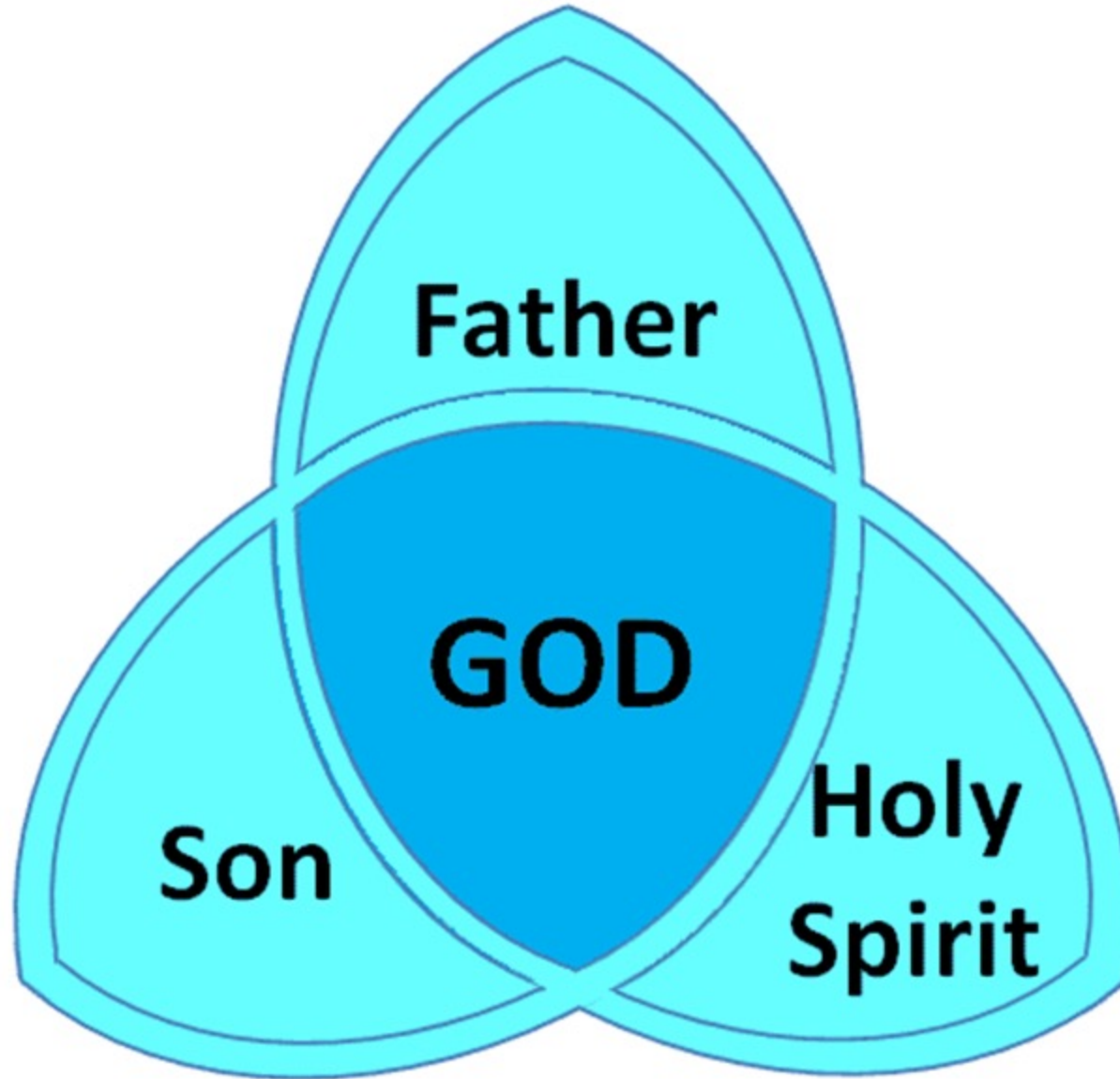
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*The Book of Acts, The Bible Knowledge Commentary, p. 365.*

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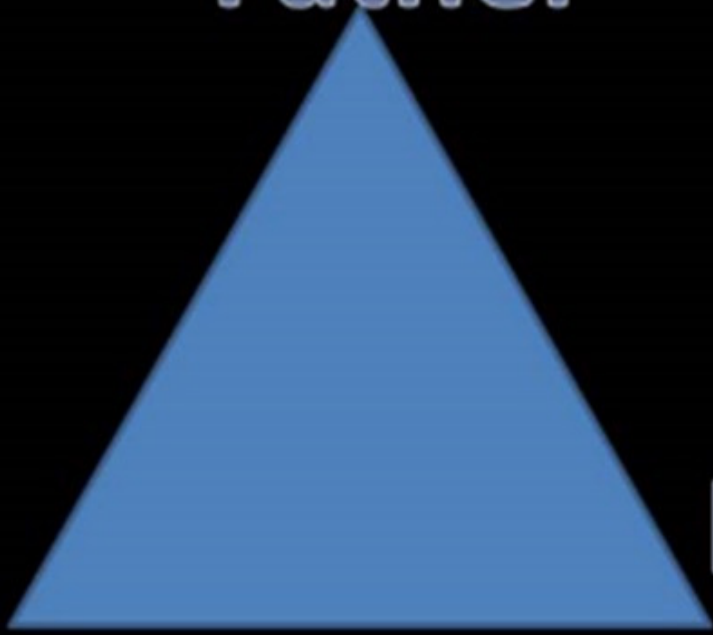


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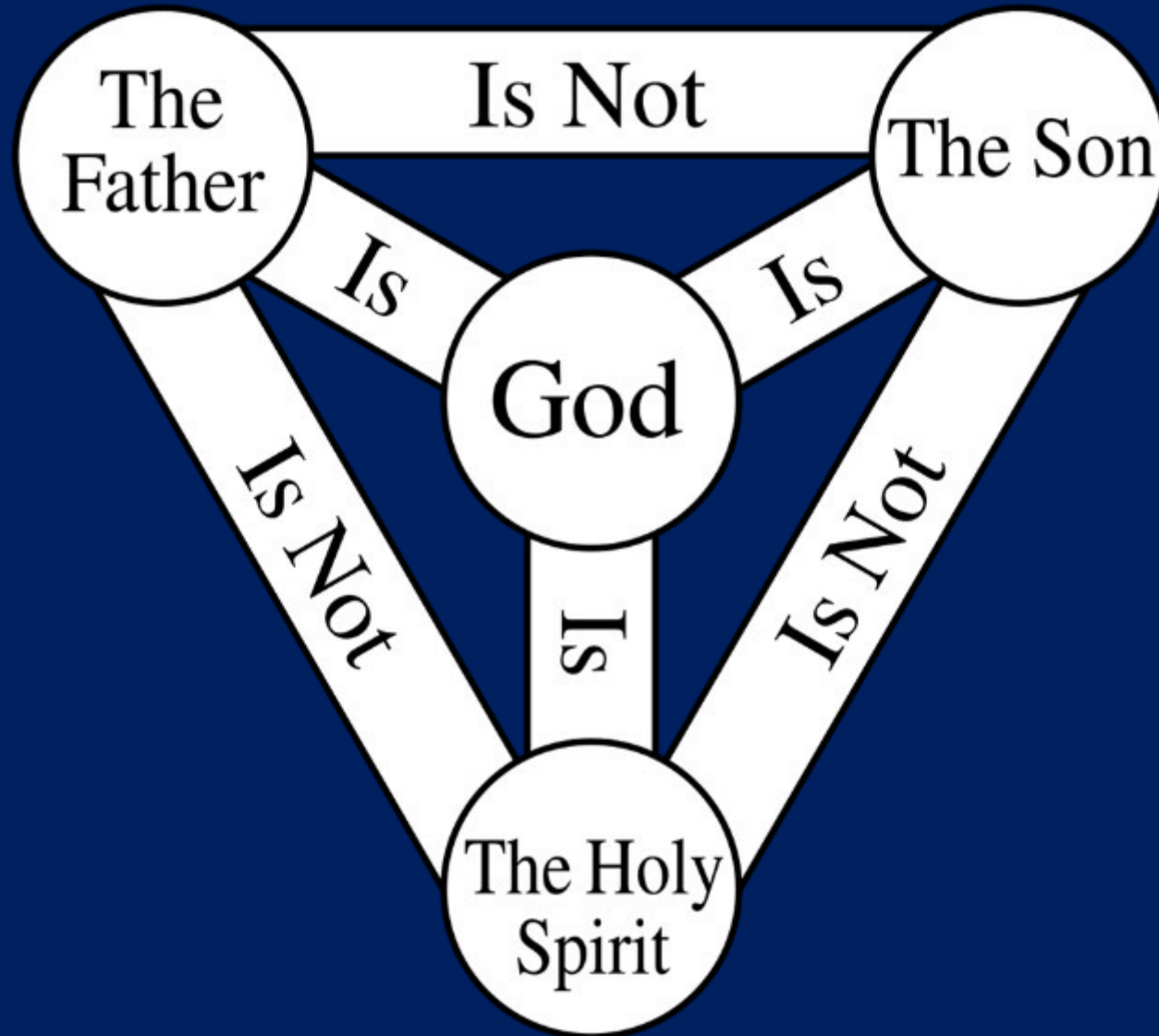
Father

Son

Holy  
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# Trinity



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- Romans 12
- 1 Corinthians 12
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# 3. Acts 5:5-6

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# C. Acts 5:11

## Result

1. Fear within the congregation (11a)
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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 sitting, and 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. These all with one mind were continually agreeing themselves to pray, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with the brethren, in the time Peter stood up to be made of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred) and saying, 'Brethren, we know that I am the first to speak, the Holy Spirit has testified by the mouth of every man, and I have seen and heard, and know that Jesus has risen from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father, and he has sent down the Holy Spirit upon you as He promised, and he has divided to you each his portion, as He said, 'You shall be My witnesses 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 upward into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, 'Son of David, why do you stand looking up to the sky? The Lord has received you, and you are leaving, will come in just the same way as you have received Him, go into heaven. Then they returned to Jerusalem.

And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. Acts 2:3-4



# C. Acts 5:11

## Result

1. Fear within the congregation (11a)
2. Fear outside the congregation (11b)

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# THE BOOK OF ACTS:


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from the mount 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 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 brethren, in a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons, and there came upon them the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak to one another as they were sitting, and James, 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 light with the face of the sun shone upon them, and falling backward, he bare open in the middle and all his members, great and small, and he began to all who were living in Jerusalem, and that he had seen hearing that had seen. Close his mouth, and he said, "I am in a vision in the book of Isaiah, 'LET HIM THAT IS HOLY AND UPRIGHT, MEEK AND LET HIM SPEAK OF HIS OFFICE.' Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who have accompanied in all the way shall be with you, and all things are beginning with the baptism of John until the day that he was taken up. Now to one of these must become a witness with you of the resurrection." So they



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## Acts 2:47

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“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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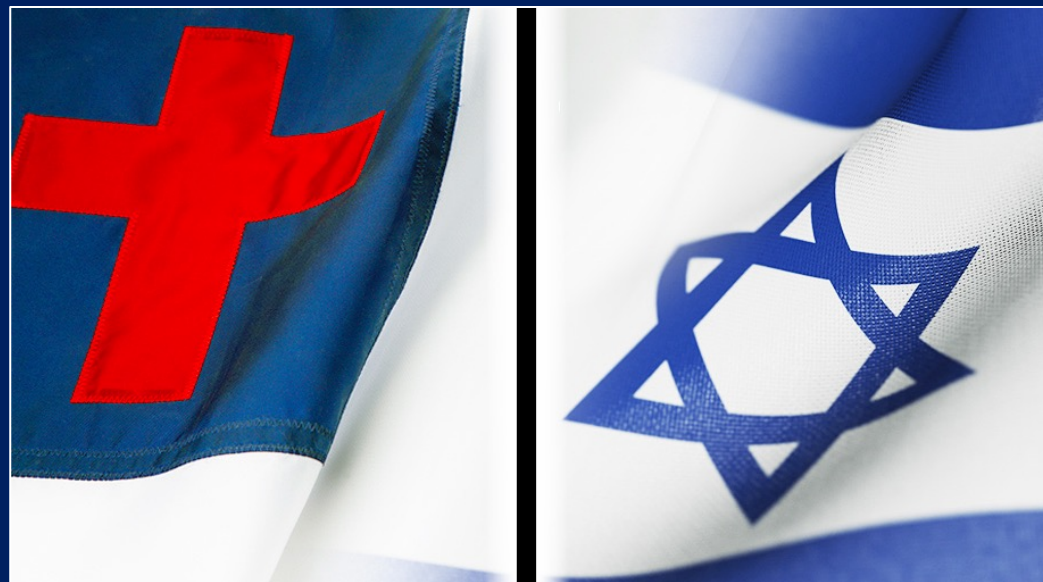
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## Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum

Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, "Israel and the Church," in *Issues in Dispensationalism*, ed. Wesley R. Willis and John R. Master (Chicago: Moody, 1994), 118.

“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.”





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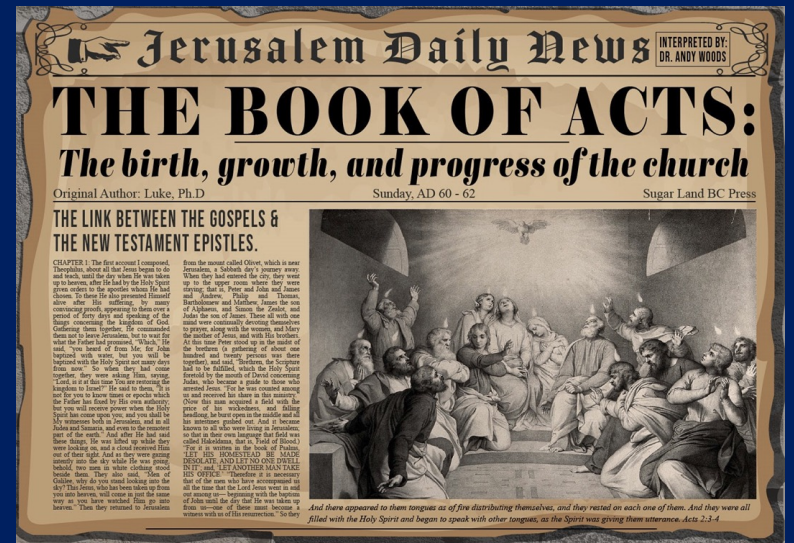
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Conclusion

# 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)

