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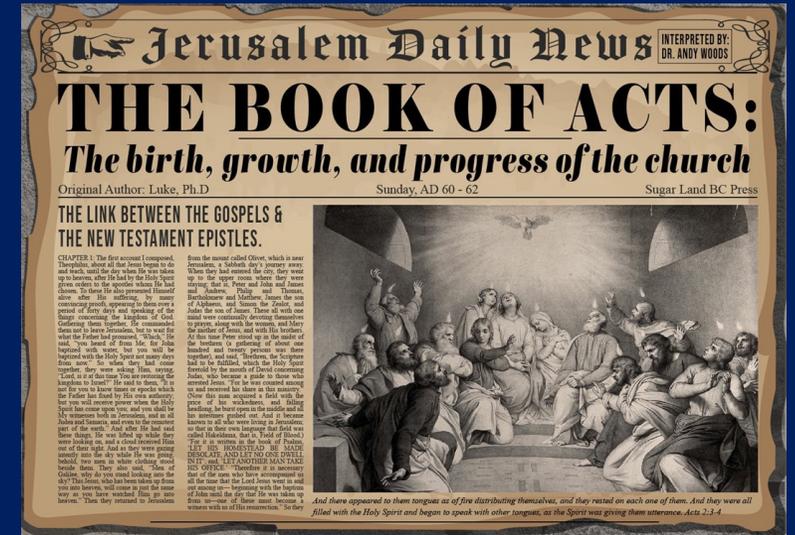
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Acts 4:1–5:11

Summary

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



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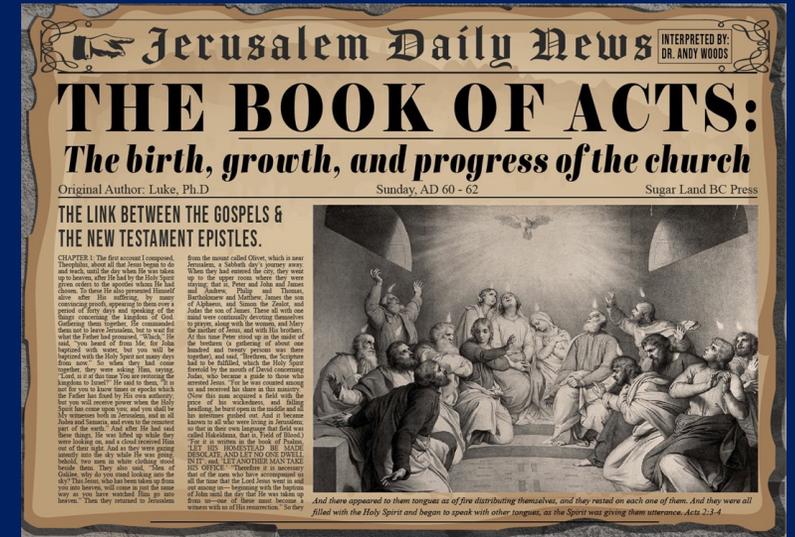


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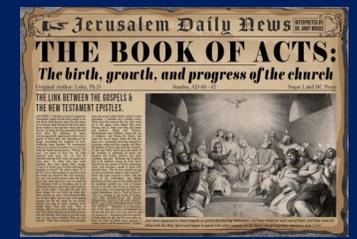
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Characteristics of the Church

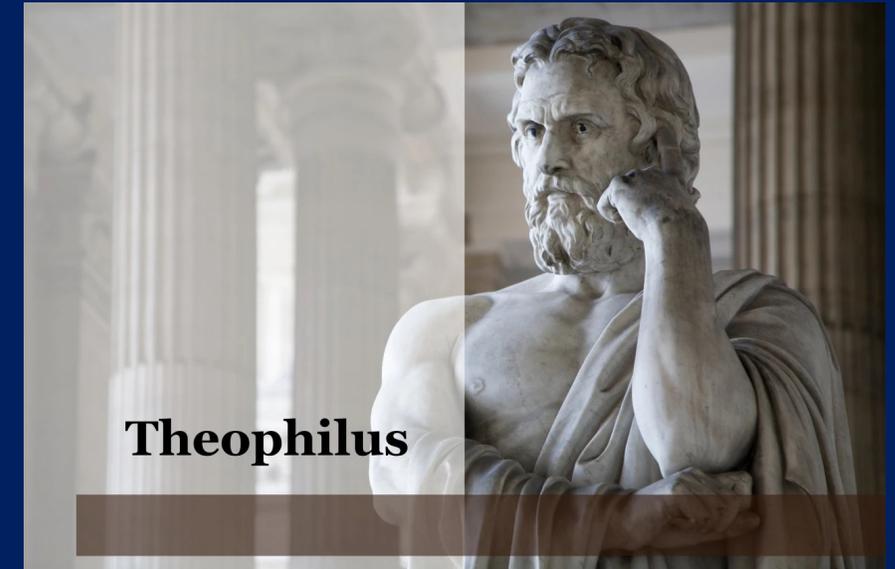
- a) Multitude (32a)
- b) Sharing (32b)
- c) Apostolic witness (33a)
- d) Grace (33b)



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.



Theophilus

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*
(Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1993), 265-66.

Belief – God's One Condition for Justification

Gen 15:6

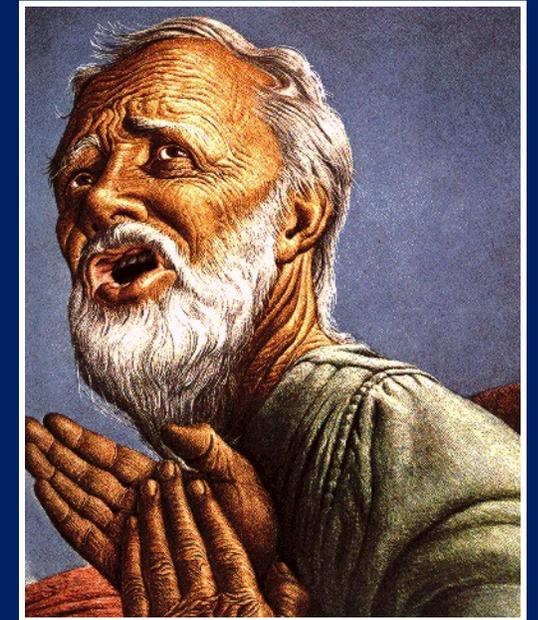
Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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 Corinthians 12:13

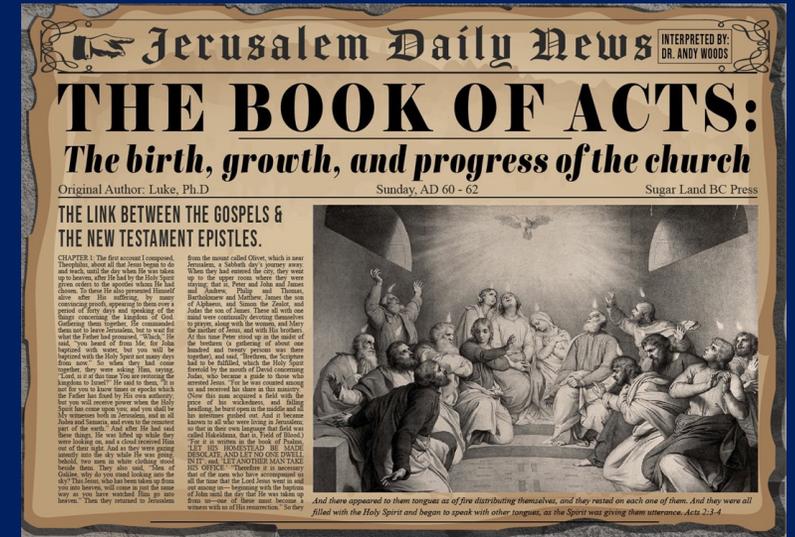
“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”



1. Acts 4:32-33

Characteristics of the Church

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- b) Sharing (32b)
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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)

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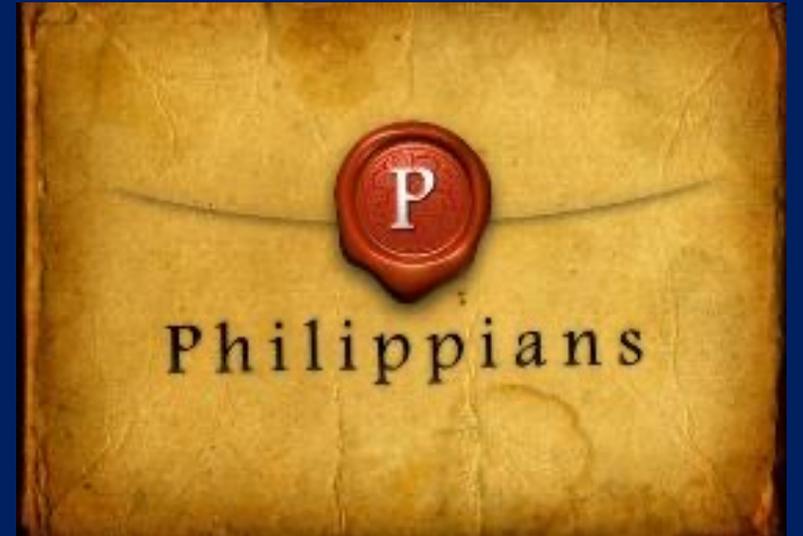


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God's Provision

(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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Ephesians 2:20

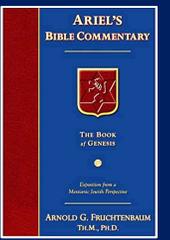
“having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*.”





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The Book of Acts, 118-19

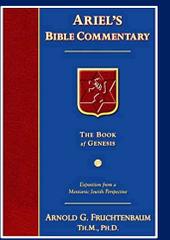


“Wealthier believers sold their possessions, whether they were land holdings or houses, and all of this money was laid at the feet of the apostles. This was a clear recognition of apostolic authority. Nowadays, believers do not lay their financial possessions before the feet of others because there are 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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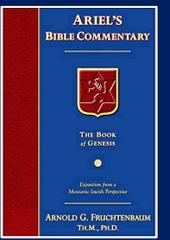


“Some have tried to base a doctrine of communism using this passage, but this was simply charity built on the teachings of *Yeshua*. It was not communism for five reasons. First, according to Acts 5:4, this giving was a voluntary act of the believers of Jerusalem. Second, as was pointed out, the Greek 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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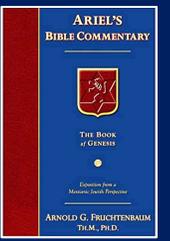


“In fact, *Yeshua* prophesied in John 21:18-19 that Peter would die before His second coming. Fourth, this practice was limited to the congregation of Jerusalem; it did not spread to the other churches. Fifth, it proved to be a mistake, because it caused the church of Jerusalem to become poverty-stricken;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

B. Acts 4:36-37

Barnabas' Positive Example

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2. Barnabas' work (37)

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LET US HOPEFULLY WAIT UNTIL WE SEE THE LORD. (Acts 1:10)

LET ANDREW AND PHILIP AND THOMAS AND JAMES AND JUDAS AND SIMON AND MATTHEW AND BARNABAS AND THE WOMEN AND MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS AND ALL THE BRETHREN TOGETHER TO PRAY. (Acts 1:14)

THEY ALL WITH ONE MIND WERE CONSTANTLY AGREEING THEMSELVES TO PRAY. (Acts 1:14)

AND AS THEY WERE GAZING UPWARD INTO THE SKY WHILE HE WAS GOING, BEHOLD, TWO MEN IN WHITE CLOTHING STOOD BESIDE THEM. (Acts 1:10)

THEY ALSO SAID, "SON OF DAVID, WHY DO YOU STAND LOOKING UP TO THE SKY? THE LORD HAS RECEIVED YOU UP TO HEAVEN, AND YOU SHALL COME AGAIN WITH CLOUDS OF HEAVEN. THEN THEY RETURNED TO JERUSALEM. (Acts 1:11)

AND THERE APPEARED TO THEM TONGUES AS OF FIRE DISTRIBUTING THEMSELVES, AND THEY RAN 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)



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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 Matthias and Simon the son of Alphaeus, and Cleopas the brother of Judas the son of Joseph. These all with one accord 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 praying, present, was there a certain man named Barnabas, the surnamed Godefrid, who was a Levite, the Holy Spirit resting on him, and he was selling his possessions, 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 hand with the sign of the cross, and after that he was kneeling, he bare open in the middle and all his members, prostrate, and it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem, and that they were keeping that day with gladness. And he was called Barnabas, that is, the son of consolation. This is in mention in the book of Psalms: LET HIM HOPEFULLY IN THE MOUTH OF MESSIAH, AND LET HIM SPEAK HIS OFFICE. Therefore it is necessary one of our men who have accompanied us all the way from Jerusalem, and who has been with us all the way, will come in just the same way as you have received from our mouths. Then they returned to Jerusalem.

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From the house called Cyren, 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 Matthias, Hellenes, the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. These 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 serving, present, was also a certain Levite, Antiochian, the Syrian, named Barnabas, the Holy Spirit resting on him, and he had become a guide to those who entered Jerusalem. For he was a great mercy man and received his share in this ministry. Close their ears, equipped of hand with the grace of the Holy Spirit, and filling houses to all who were living in Jerusalem, and that they were keeping and had very good testimonies from all the people. This it is written in the book of Psalms, LET HIM HOPEFULLY SEE HIS MESSIAH, AND LET HIM SPEAK HIS OFFICE. Therefore it is necessary one of the men who have accompanied us all the time that we have gone out and 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 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



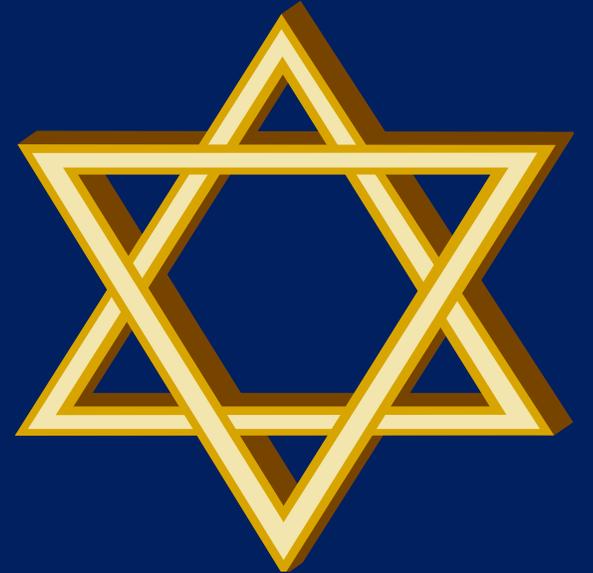
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- Romans 12
- 1 Corinthians 12
- 1 Peter 4
- Ephesians 4



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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Every Geographical Location in Acts/Epistles

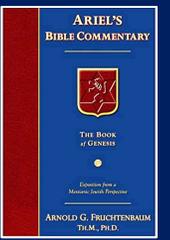






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The Book of Acts, 120-21



“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).”

2. Acts 4:37 Barnabas' Work

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

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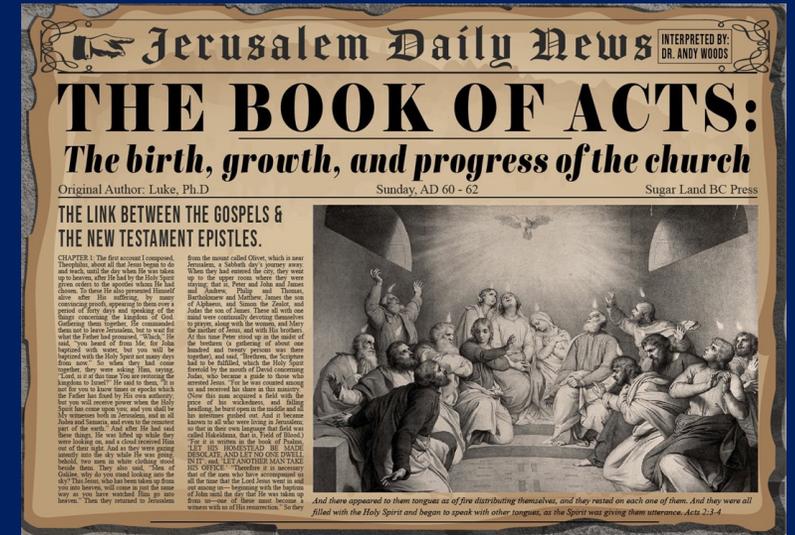
The Book of Acts, The Bible Knowledge Commentary, p. 364.

“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.”

Acts 4:1–5:11

Summary

- I. Apostles Arrested (4:1-4)
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- III. Sanhedrin's Decision (4:13-22)
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- V. Pre-Ananias and Sapphira (4:32-37)
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1. Acts 5:1-2

Deed

a) Sale (1)

b) Conspiracy (2)

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A. Acts 5:1-6

Ananias' Discipline

1. Deed (1-2)
2. Peter's Accusation (3-4)
3. Ananias' Discipline (5-6)

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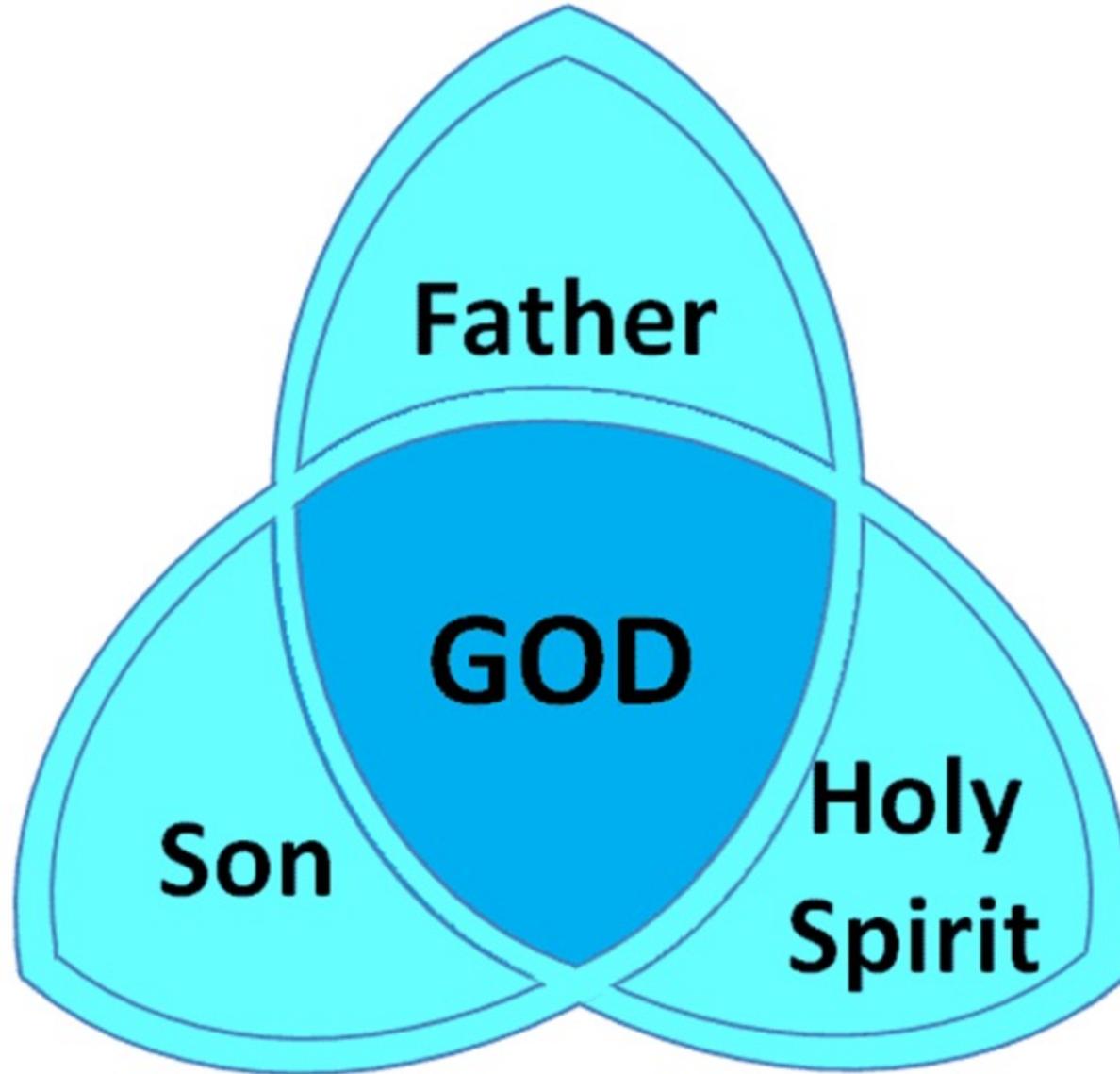


Dr. Stanley Toussaint

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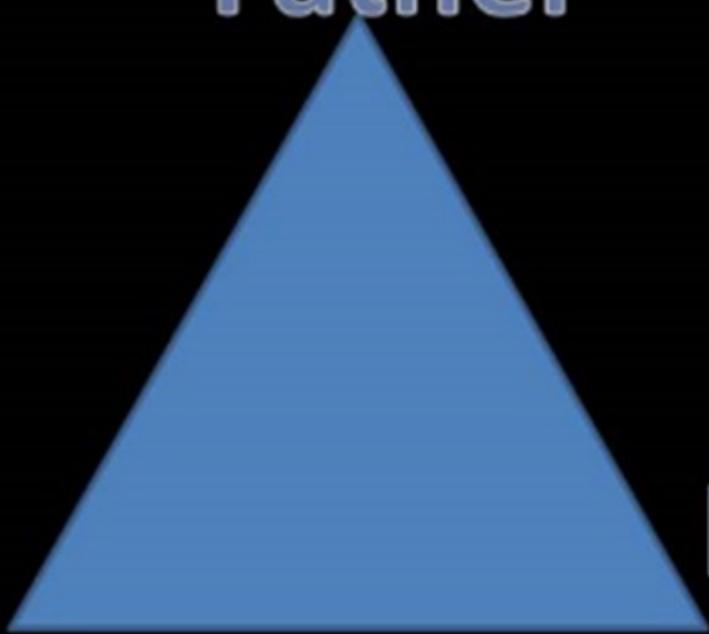


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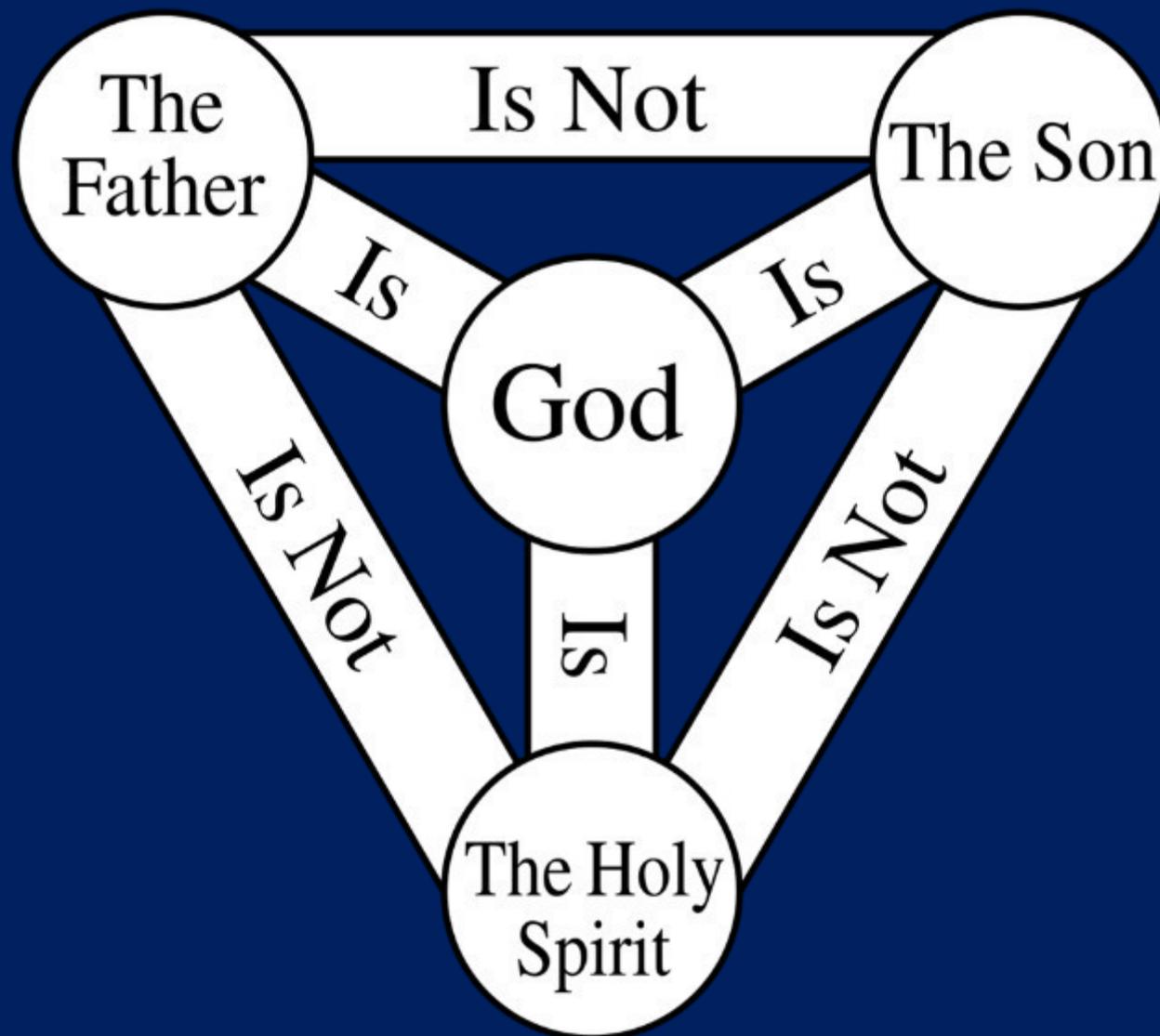
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3. Acts 5:5-6

Ananias's Discipline

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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)

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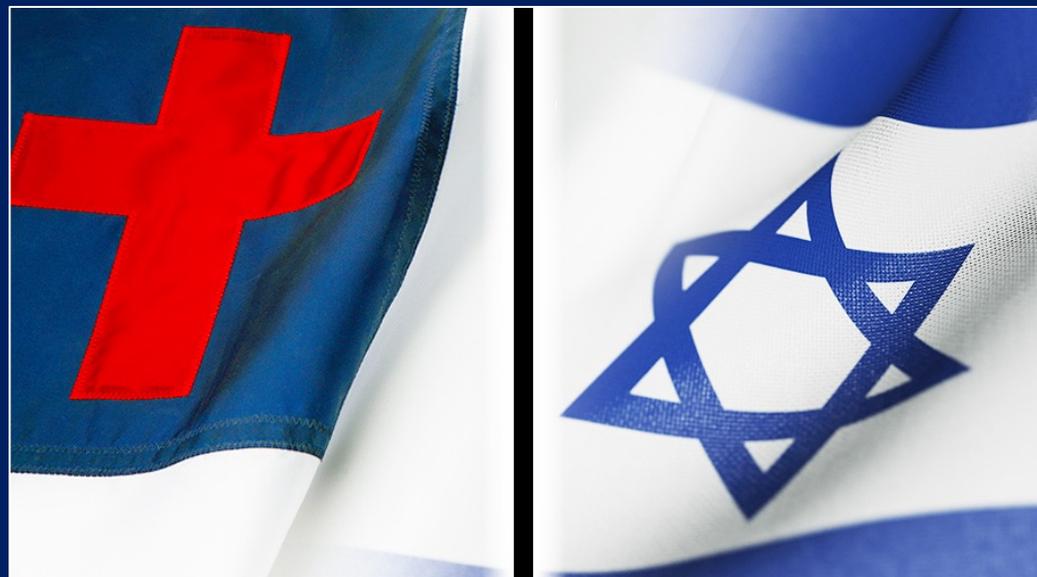
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Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, "Israel and the Church," in *Issues in Dispensationalism*, ed. Wesley R. Willis and John R. Master (Chicago: Moody, 1994), 118.

“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.”



The 7 Churches in Revelation

Rev. 1:11



Conclusion

