

## **Acts, Pt. 01**

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### Introduction Summary

The title of the book is The Acts of the Apostles. However, the book is a record of the acts of the Holy Spirit through the apostles. In this lesson we will study **Acts Chapter One**. We learn the importance and value of getting our instruction from the Holy Spirit and finding out specifically where He has assigned us. By allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to us in the inward man, we can sidestep obstacles and delays to fulfill God's plan for our lives.

- I. **Acts 1:1-2:** Underline *do* and *teach* and in v2. underline *he through the Holy Ghost*.
  - A. Jesus commanded the disciples through the Holy Ghost.
  - B. Jesus walked the earth as a man, yet without sin (Heb. 4:15).
  - C. Jesus needed to be anointed with the Holy Ghost (Acts 10:38).
  - D. The Holy Ghost is the third person of the Trinity (1 John 5:7).
  - E. Jesus is the second man, Adam (1 Cor. 15:47).
  - F. Jesus only did what the Holy Ghost commanded Him to do (Jn. 12:48-50).
  - G. Jesus prayed so He could hear the Father's voice. We should do the same (Pro. 3:6).
  
- II. **V3:** During the 40 days after Jesus' resurrection, He gave the disciples instructions.
  
- III. **V4-5:** *Wait* means to stay around at that particular time. We can receive the baptism of Holy Ghost any time. *Baptized* means to be immersed or submerged.
  
- IV. **V6-8:** V6 refers to the restoration the disciples read about. They didn't know there would be a time allotted for the rest of the world to be saved. They were astonished at their mission.
  - A. The disciples thought salvation was only for the Jews.
  - B. God's plan was for every family to be blessed (Gen 12:1-3).
  - C. **V7:** The Father wants to reach out to me and you before those things would occur.
  - D. **V8:** *Power* is miraculous ability. A *witness* is someone who tells what they've seen.
    - A. Mentioning Samaria signaled the opening of the gospel to everyone.
    - B. The Jews and Samaritans had no dealings with each other (John 4:7-9; Luke 9:41-54).
    - C. Those in the uttermost parts of the earth, they considered to be barbarians.

- V. **V9-14:** Being in one accord is what allows God's power to manifest.
  - A. God will not operate in strife. He requires us to be in one accord.
  - B. Strife causes people to be sick and/or die prematurely (1 Cor. 11:27-29).
  - C. When you pray, agreement is required (Mat. 18:18-20).
  
- VI. **V14:** Mary, the mother of Jesus was in the upper room. She would experience what they all experienced.
  
- VII. **V15-19:** Peter speaks of replacing Judas. He quotes Psa. 41:9.
  
- VIII. **V20-26:** Not understanding the context of Psa. 69:25, Peter was presumptuous in choosing Matthias.
  - A. Don't determine God's will by the physical realm. That's Satan's realm (2 Cor. 4:4).
  - B. Satan can open and close doors. Don't be led by natural means.
  - C. Be led by what the Holy Spirit is saying in the inward man (Rom. 8:14,16).
  - D. God's choice was Saul (Acts 7:58-60, 9:10-15, 26:16-18).
  - E. God had a different time, approach, and person than Peter had.
  
- XIV. Presumption can be costly (Deu. 1:36-45).
  - A. V36: Caleb wholly followed the Lord and God gave them the land (Num. 13:2).
  - B. V41: They decided too late to follow God. They missed their window.
  - C. V43: They went to battle presumptuously – thinking it was still God's will.
  - D. V44-45: They were defeated and people lost their lives.
  - E. Find out from God what He would say to you at *this* time.
  
- IX. Take time to get before God and find out what He would say to you about *right now*.
  - A. Just as God's choice for replacing Judas was an unlikely person, God's choice for you may be an unlikely person or situation.
  - B. The biggest failure in the body of Christ is understanding one's assignment.
  - C. Get your assignment from God and do it.
  - D. Don't allow anything to move you from it.
  - E. God knew everything before He assigned you.
    - 1. He knew where to put you.
    - 2. He knew about the issues and problems.
    - 3. Don't change because of circumstances.
    - 4. Be sure to understand the full context of the scripture that supports it.

### Closing Summary

The book of Acts is a clear example of how Christians must get instruction from the Holy Spirit before making decisions. We have seen the value of following the Holy Spirit's leading. It is vitally important that Christians find out the assignment God has given them, do that assignment and stay in it.