

The Book of Acts

Objectives

The purpose of this course is to lead the student to a mastery of the content of the Book of Acts so that he will understand the early historical development of the Church and appropriate for his own life the unlimited power and impetus for holy living available today through the work of the Holy Spirit. It will also call attention to the lives of some of the great apostles and evangelists who played such an important role in the early days of the Church. From their lives we can draw applications and examples after which to pattern our own lives.

After you have mastered the material treated in the textbook and this study guide, you should achieve the following competencies:

1. Discuss the important background facts about the Book of Acts: Author, date, purpose of the book, etc.
2. Describe and explain the significance of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.
3. Show how the experience on the Day of Pentecost was the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.
4. Demonstrate how the Early Church grew through the miracles performed by the Holy Spirit in the ministry of the apostles.
5. Describe the Spirit-led response of the early apostles to intense persecution.
6. Give an example of how discipline operated in the Early Church.
7. Explain the development of organization and administration in the early Church.
8. Describe the expansion of the Church to include the Gentiles.
9. Trace the conversion and developing ministry of Paul, one of the greatest early spokesman for the spread of the gospel.
10. Follow on a Bible lands map the travel of Paul on his three missionary journeys.
11. Discuss the details of Paul's arrest, trials, and trip to Rome.