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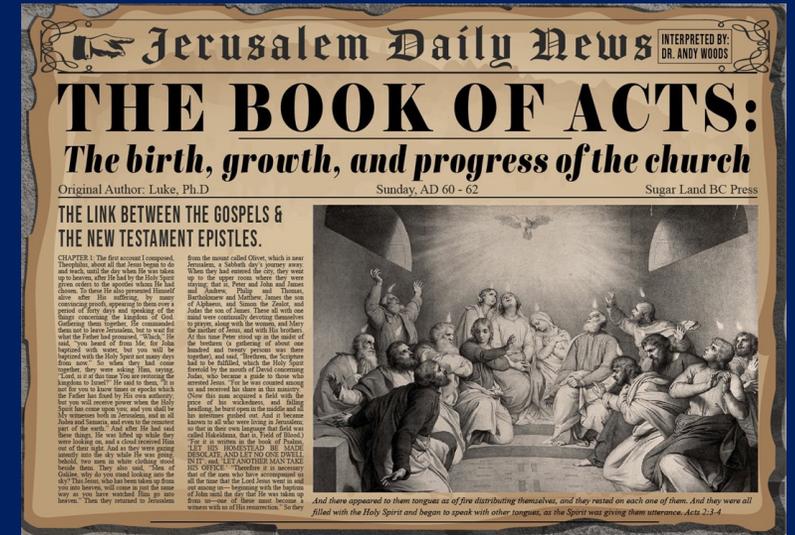
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Acts 4:1–5:11

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**SALVATION
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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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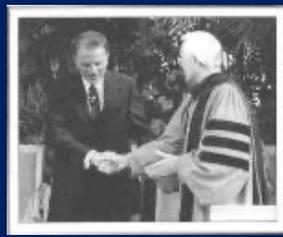
...who never hears the gospel and never knows the name of Jesus, but who responds to the light he has, God, treats that person like an Old Testament saint, if you will. That is, if the person trusts in what God has revealed, God deals with that person based on the knowledge he has, not the information 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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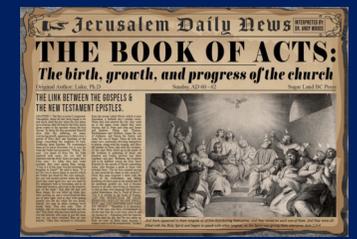
...by God. They may not even know the name of Jesus, but they know in their hearts they need something that they don't have and they turn to the only light that they have and I think they're saved and they're going to be with us in heaven."

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

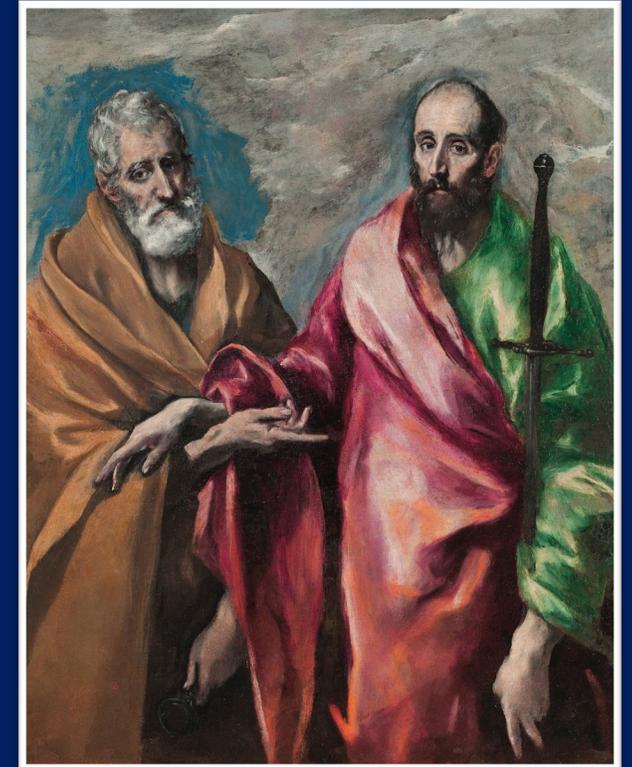
Dr. Graham: "There is."



Title



- Acts of the Apostles
- Misleading?
 - Acts of the Holy Spirit
 - Geographical expansion
 - Two apostles: Peter and Paul



From Peter to Paul

Reference	Center	Person	Place	Outreach
Acts 1–12	Jerusalem	Peter	Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria	Jewish
Acts 13–28	Antioch	Paul	Uttermost parts	Gentiles

From Peter to Paul

Peter

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

Heals by shadow (3:15-16)

Success is a cause of jealousy (5:17)

Confronts a sorcerer (8:9-24)

Raises Dorcas (9:36-41)

Jailed and miraculously freed (12:3-19)

Paul

Heals a man lame from birth (14:8-18)

Heals by handkerchief (19:11-12)

Success is a cause of jealousy (13:45)

Confronts a sorcerer (13:6-11)

Raises Eutychus (20:9-12)

Jailed and miraculously freed (16:25-34)

C. Acts 4:17-18

Decision

1. Goal (17)

2. Command (18)

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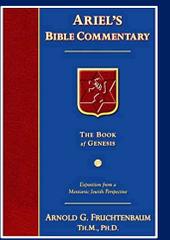
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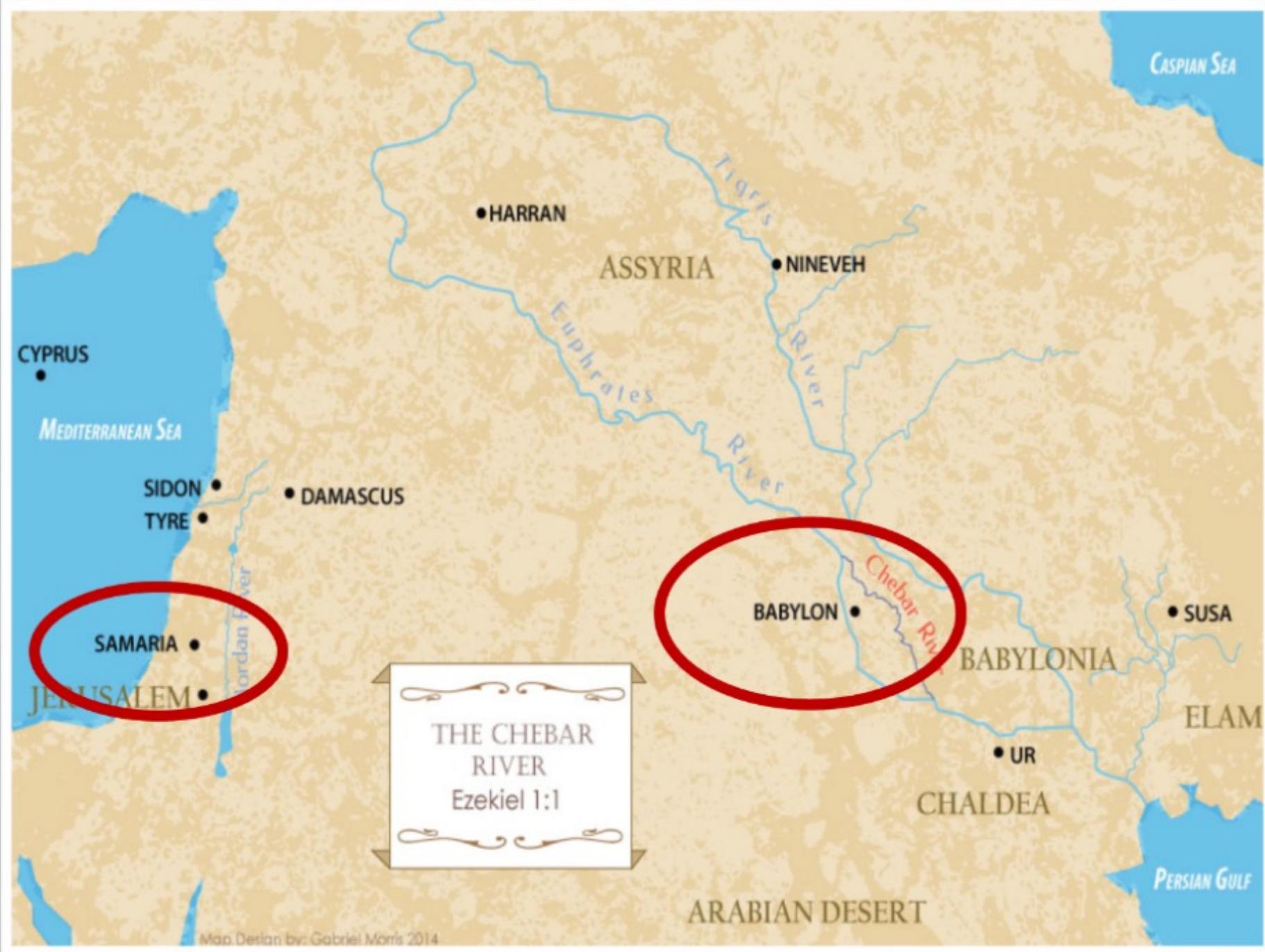
“One should note the contemptuous use of the phrase ‘in this name,’ for the religious leaders did not even want to say the name ‘*Yeshua*.’ Rabbinic writings often refer to *Yeshua* as ‘that man.’...In Matthew 27:63, the Pharisees called *Yeshua* ‘that deceiver,’ as was typical in Pharisaic Judaism. 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.’”



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.



THE CHEBAR RIVER
Ezekiel 1:1

Daniel Outline

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D. Acts 4:19-20

Apostles' Response

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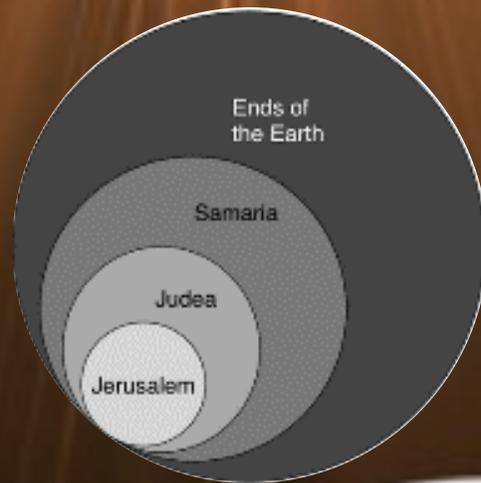
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Acts 1:8

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E. Acts 4:21-22

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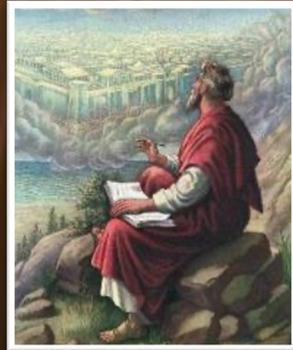
Acts 2:22

“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

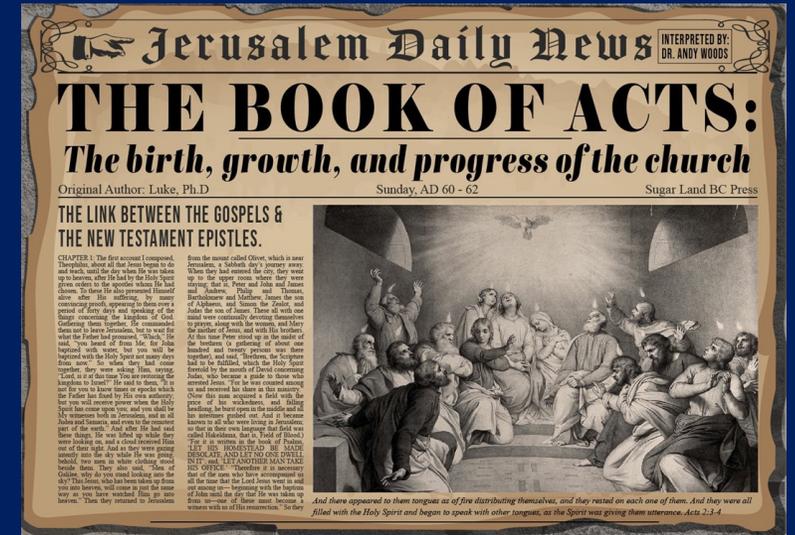
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Acts 4:1–5:11

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Activities of the Local Church

(Acts 2:41-47)

- Doctrine (Acts 2:42)
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- Prayer (Acts 2:42)
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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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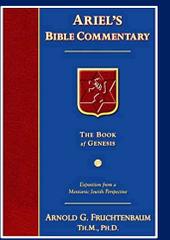
¹⁵ ‘For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there is a sabbath of complete rest, holy to the LORD; whoever does any work on the sabbath day shall surely be put to death. ¹⁶ ‘So the sons of Israel shall observe the sabbath, to celebrate the sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual 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.”

IV. Apostles' Prayer

Acts 4:23-31

A. Report to the Apostles (23)

B. Motivation for the Prayer (24)

C. Prayer (25-30)

D. Answer to the Prayer (31)

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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 Matthias, Scaevola the son of Alphaeus, and Thomas the Galilean, 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 this time Peter stood up to the multitude of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons, who were gathered, and said, "Brethren, the Spirit has spoken to us by the mouth of Jesus 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 that man's account, it said, 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, he was trampled underfoot by all who were living at Jerusalem, and his bones were lying on the street." "Close that man's account," said the Holy Spirit. "Let him and his parts be sold for burial, and let his bones be buried in the middle of the street." "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 done together with the brethren of Jesus since 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 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

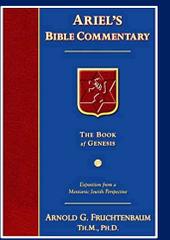
² For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. ³ Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He 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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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, that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew and Matthias, Phlegon, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. There all with one accord were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers, the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred) and several women, who were devoted to the service of the church, including Priscilla, who became a guide to those who entered Jerusalem. For he was quoted among us and received his share in this ministry. Close their eyes, and they were all kneeling, he had opened in the middle, and all his members, great and small, were known to all who were living in Jerusalem, so that in their own hearing, and that was the first day that the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them, as it is written in the book of Isaiah: "LET MY PEOPLE KNOW THEIR OWN MINDS, AND LET THEM OBEY MY VOICE." Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who have accompanied us all the time should have been chosen to be our witness — beginning with the baptism of Jesus until the day that he was taken up into heaven.



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Acts 2:23

“this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.”



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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 sitting, and Peter and John and James and Andrew and Matthias, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of Joseph. 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 (a gathering of about one hundred) and every person who came to Jerusalem, to hear the words of the apostles. At this time Peter stood up to the multitude of 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 Jesus 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 that man's ears, and he will not hear, and he will be dumb, and he will not speak, and he will be a sign and a wonder to all who hear him. And he became a sign to all who were living in Jerusalem, and to those who were hearing that Paul was preaching the word of God. For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'LET HIM THAT HATH TAKEN THE LIFE OF A JUST MAN BE HIMSELF MADE A CURSE, AND LET HIM TAKE THE BLOOD OF A JUST MAN.' Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who have accompanied to us should have his share of this lot. And after they had said these things, they cast lots to see which of them should have the lot of Judas. And when they had cast lots, the lot fell to Matthias. And he was numbered with the apostles. 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 2:1-4



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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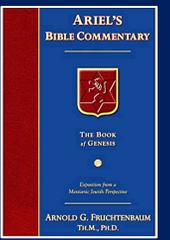


CHAPTER 2: On the first day of Pentecost, there came from heaven a sound like a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them tongues as of fire, and it rested upon each of them: and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. Acts 2:3-4



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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.”

D. Acts 4:31

Prayer Answered

1. Place shaken (31a)
2. Holy Spirit's filling (31b)
3. Bold speaking (31c)

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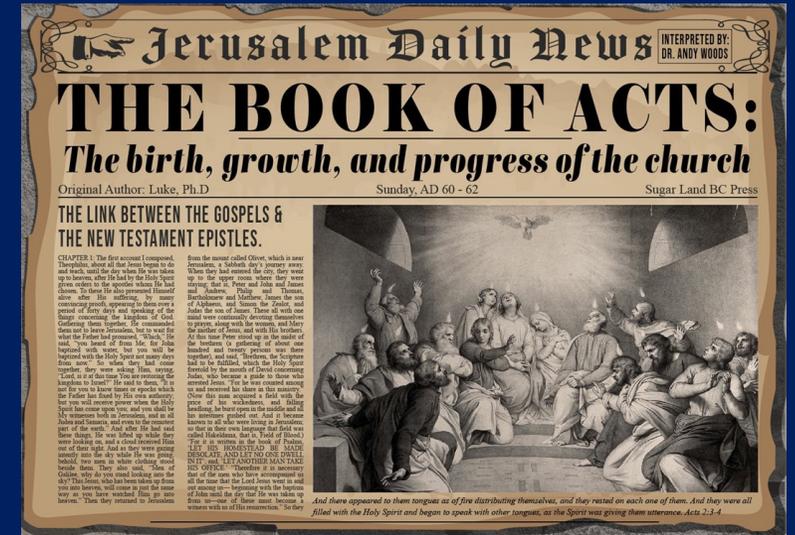
“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”



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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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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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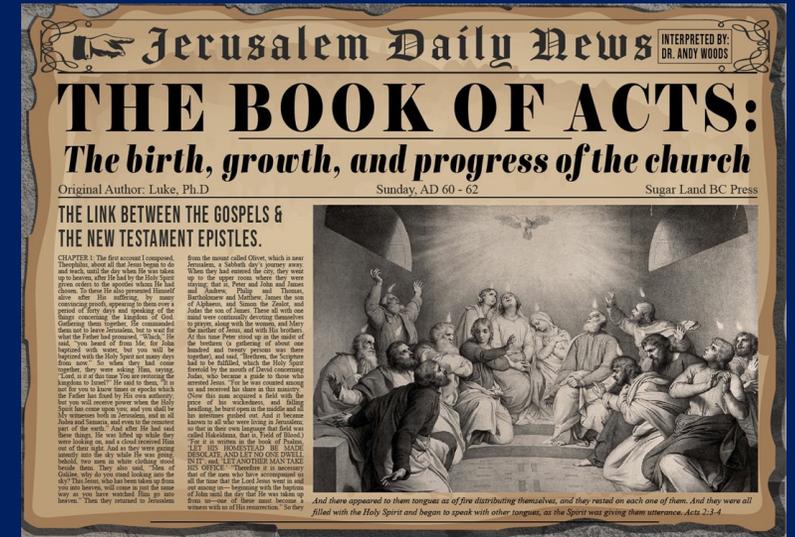


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1. Acts 4:32-33

Characteristics of the Church

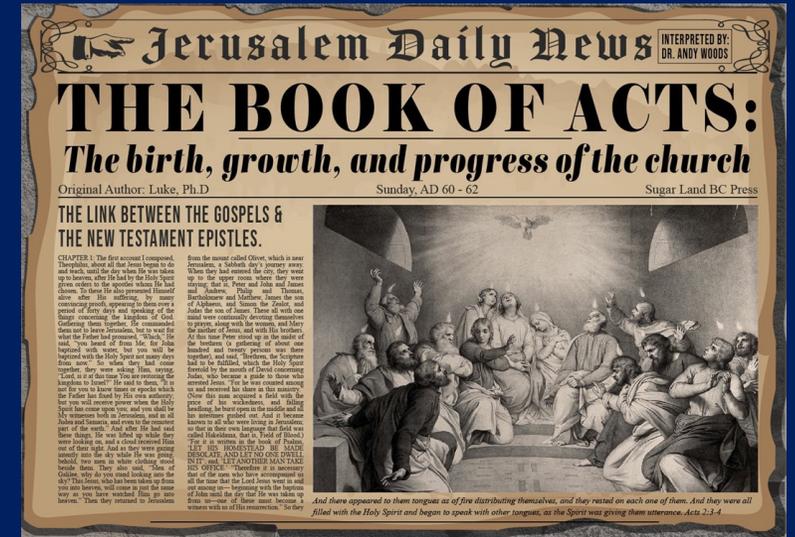
- a) Multitude (32a)
- b) Sharing (32b)
- c) Apostolic witness (33a)
- d) Grace (33b)



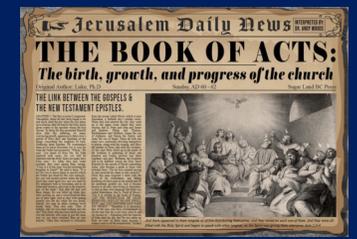
1. Acts 4:32-33

Characteristics of the Church

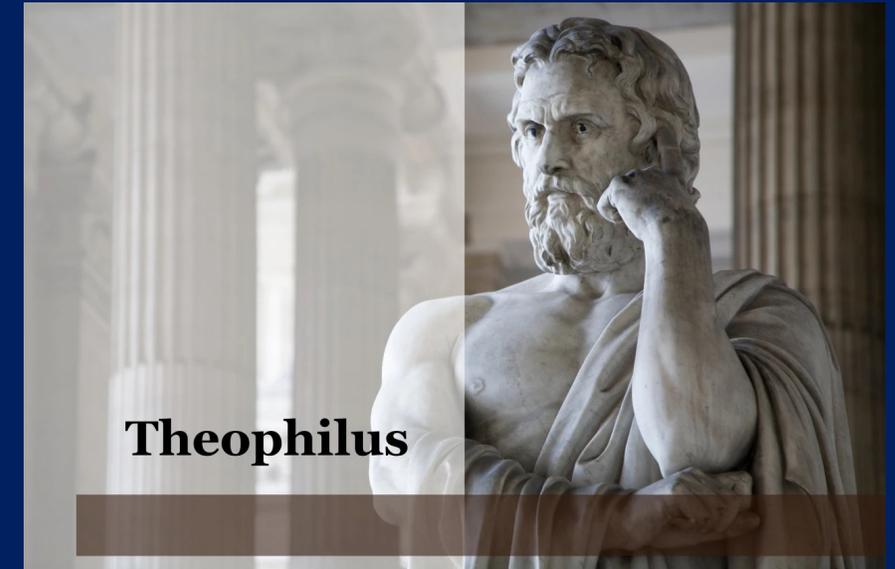
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Purpose



- 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).”

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

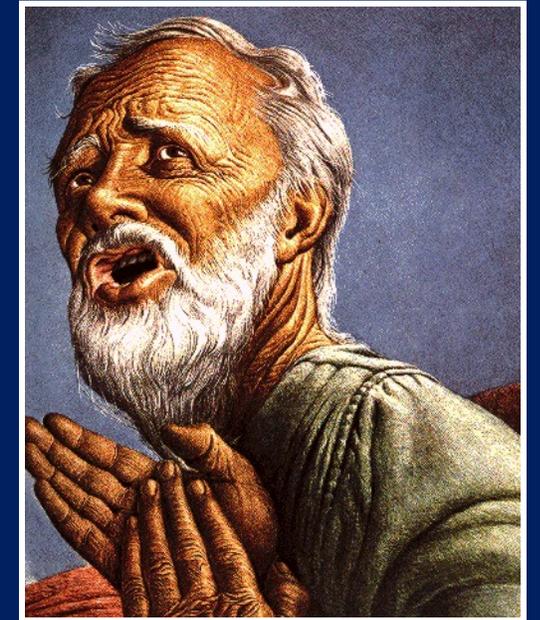
Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

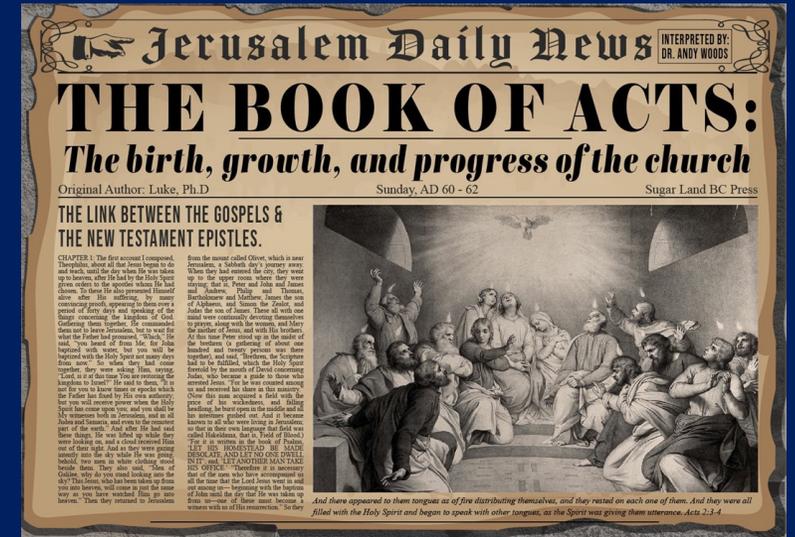
"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..."



1. Acts 4:32-33

Characteristics of the Church

- a) Multitude (32a)
- 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)

THE NATIONS OF PENTECOST ACTS 2:9-11

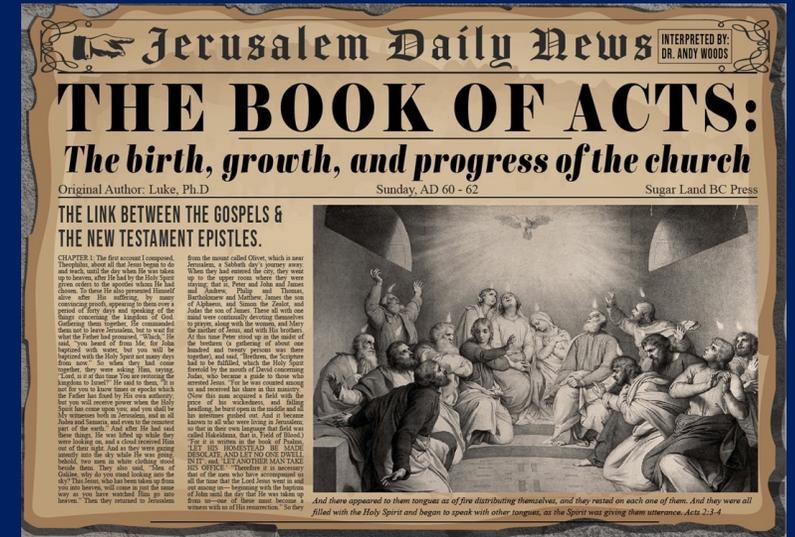
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B. Acts 2:15-35

Refutation of the Charge of Drunkenness

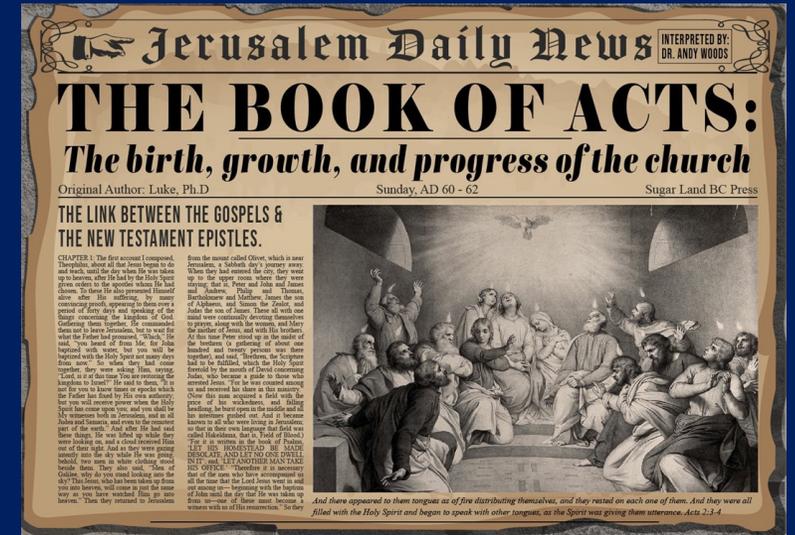
1. Too early (15)
2. Use of Joel 2:28-32 (16-21)
3. Christ's miracles (22)
4. Crucifixion (23)
5. Resurrection (24)
6. Use of Psalm 16:8-11 (25-29)
7. Use of Psalm 132:11 (30-32)
8. High priestly ministry (33)
9. Use of Psalm 110:1 (34-35)



2. Acts 3:13-15

Israel's Rejection of Her Messiah

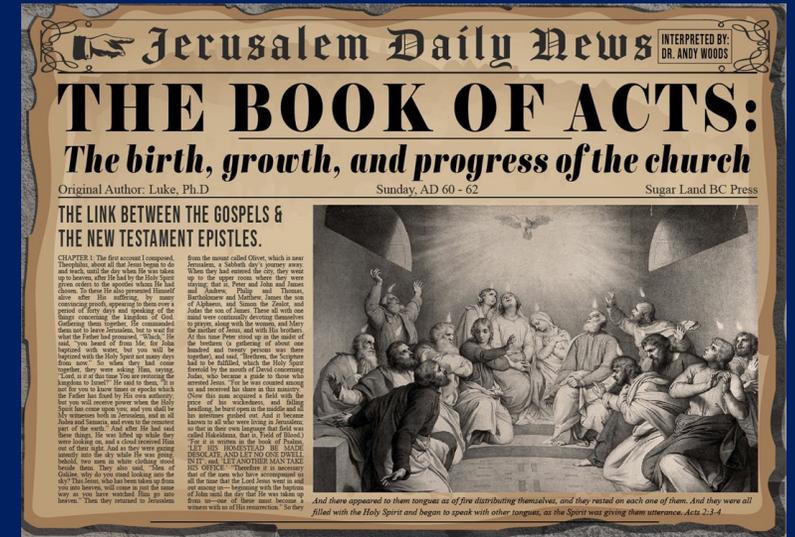
- a) God sent His Son (13a)
- b) Delivered to Pilate (13b)
- c) Rejection of the Holy & Righteous One (14)
- d) Killed the Prince of Life (15a)
- e) Messiah was Resurrected (15b)



1. Acts 4:32-33

Characteristics of the Church

- a) Multitude (32a)
- b) Sharing (32b)
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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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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, 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 Joseph. 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 praying, saying, "Lord, do not take this word from us, as you have promised, that we should be established in Jerusalem, for we have heard of the apostles preaching in Samaria and in Galilee, and in all the parts of Judea, and in all the parts of Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth, and we desire to continue with you in Jerusalem, for we have heard that the Holy Spirit has promised that in Jerusalem, we should be established, and that we should be witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth. Therefore it is necessary that we should continue in Jerusalem, as you have promised, that we should be established in Jerusalem, and that we should be witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth. Therefore it is necessary that we should continue in Jerusalem, as you have promised, that we should be established in Jerusalem, and that we should be witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.

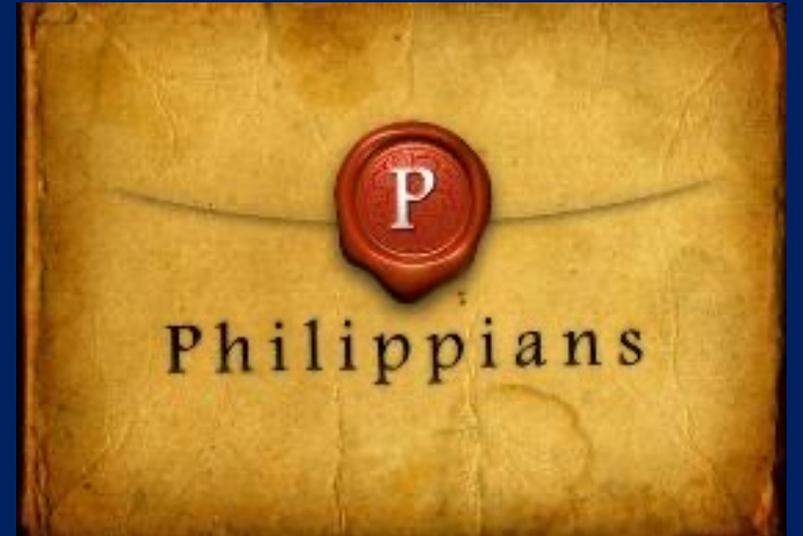


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God's Provision for the Giver

(Phil. 4:19)

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





Ephesians 2:20

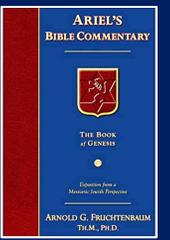
“having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*.”





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The Book of Acts, 118-19

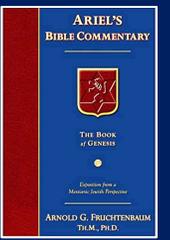


“Wealthier believers sold their possessions, whether they were land holdings or houses, and all of this money was laid at the feet of the apostles. This was a clear recognition of apostolic authority. Nowadays, believers do not lay their financial possessions before the feet of others because there are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

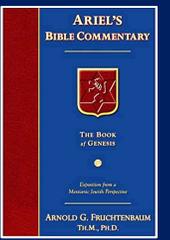


“Some have tried to base a doctrine of communism using this passage, but this was simply charity built on the teachings of *Yeshua*. It was not communism for five reasons. First, according to Acts 5:4, this giving was a voluntary act of the believers of Jerusalem. Second, as was pointed out, the Greek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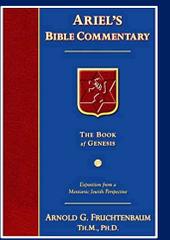


“In fact, *Yeshua* prophesied in John 21:18-19 that Peter would die before His second coming. Fourth, this practice was limited to the congregation of Jerusalem; it did not spread to the other churches. Fifth, it proved to be a mistake, because it caused the church of Jerusalem to become poverty-stricken; 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 Barnabas 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 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 that the Holy Spirit, which the Holy Spirit has promised by the mouth of John concerning Jesus, who became a guide to those who entered Jerusalem. For he was quoted among us and received his share in this ministry. Close that man, equipped at Antioch with the grace of the Holy Spirit, and having knowledge, he has opened the gates and all his brethren, great and small, have come to all who were living at Jerusalem, so that in their own language they had very good understanding. And in the book of Psalms, 'LET HOLY THINGS BE SAID OF MANKIND, AND LET US SPEAK OF HIS GLORY.' Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who have accompanied us all the way should be chosen with the brethren of the church, who will be taken up into heaven, as you have received Jesus up into heaven. Then they returned to Jerusalem.



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B. Acts 4:36-37

Barnabas' Positive Example

1. Barnabas' example (36)
2. Barnabas' work (37)

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1. Acts 4:36

Barnabas' Example

a) Name (36a)

b) Tribe (36b)

c) Citizenship (36c)

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Enumeration of Spiritual Gifts

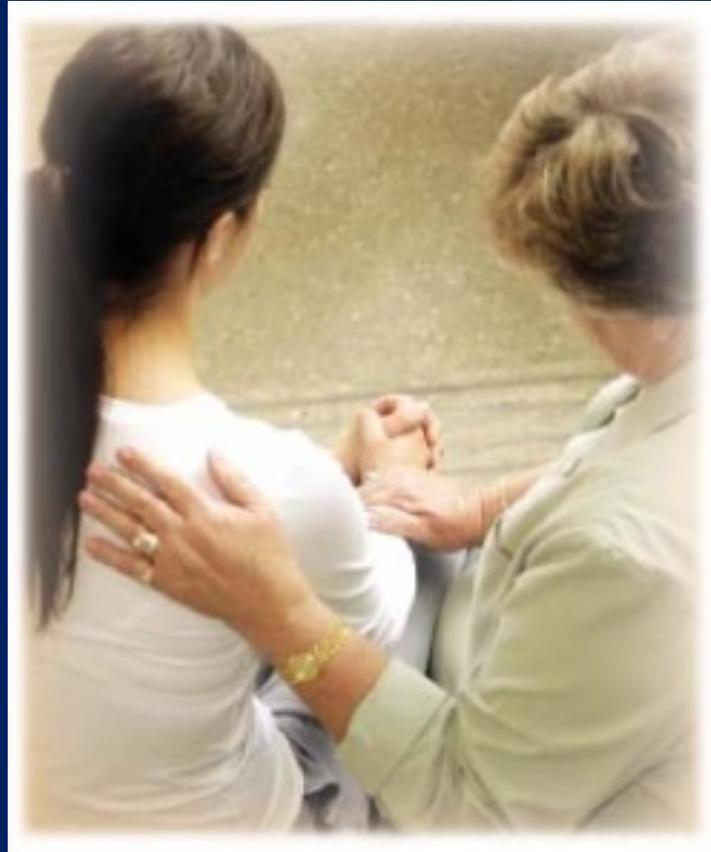
(Rom 12:6b-8)

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

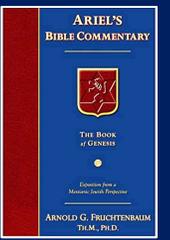






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The Book of Acts, 120-21



“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.

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A. Acts 5:1-6

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1. Deed (1-2)

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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, that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew and Thomas and Matthias and Simon the son of Alphaeus, and Cleopas the brother of Jesus, and with his brethren, and a great number of others who were gathered about them, and praying, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren, at the time Peter stood up to the multitude 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 Jesus concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who captured Jesus. For he was numbered 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, he perished, and became to all who were living in Jerusalem, an object of horror and loathing, and that was the reason why he was cast out of the land. This is in written in the book of Psalms: "LET HIS BONES BE UNBROKEN, AND LET NONE OF THEM BE BROKEN." 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 Jesus 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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Peter's Accusation

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

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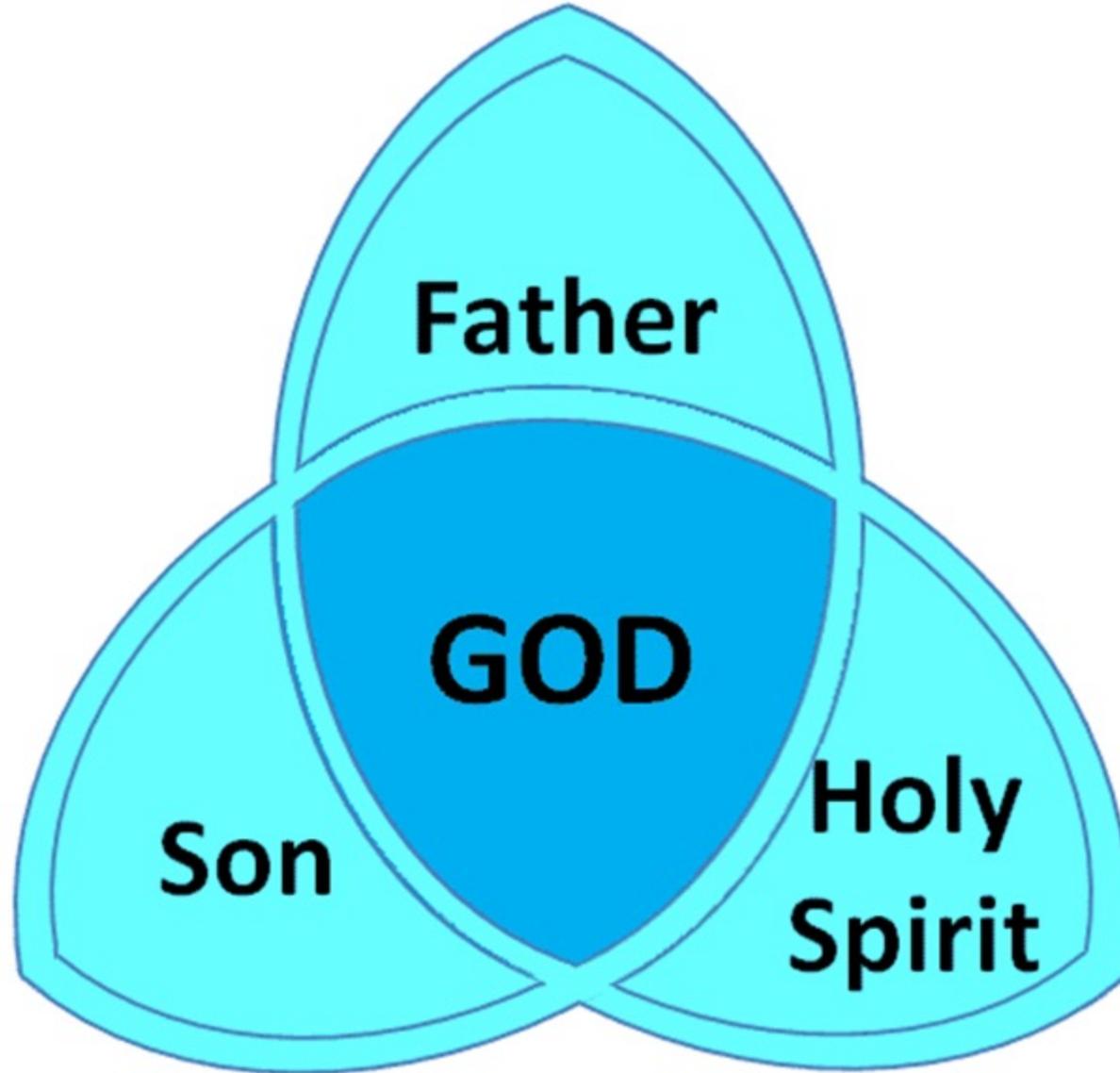


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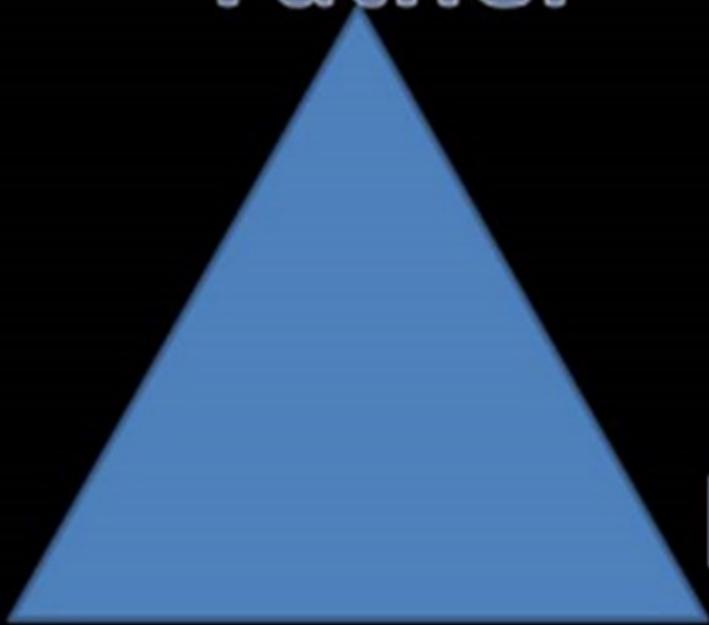


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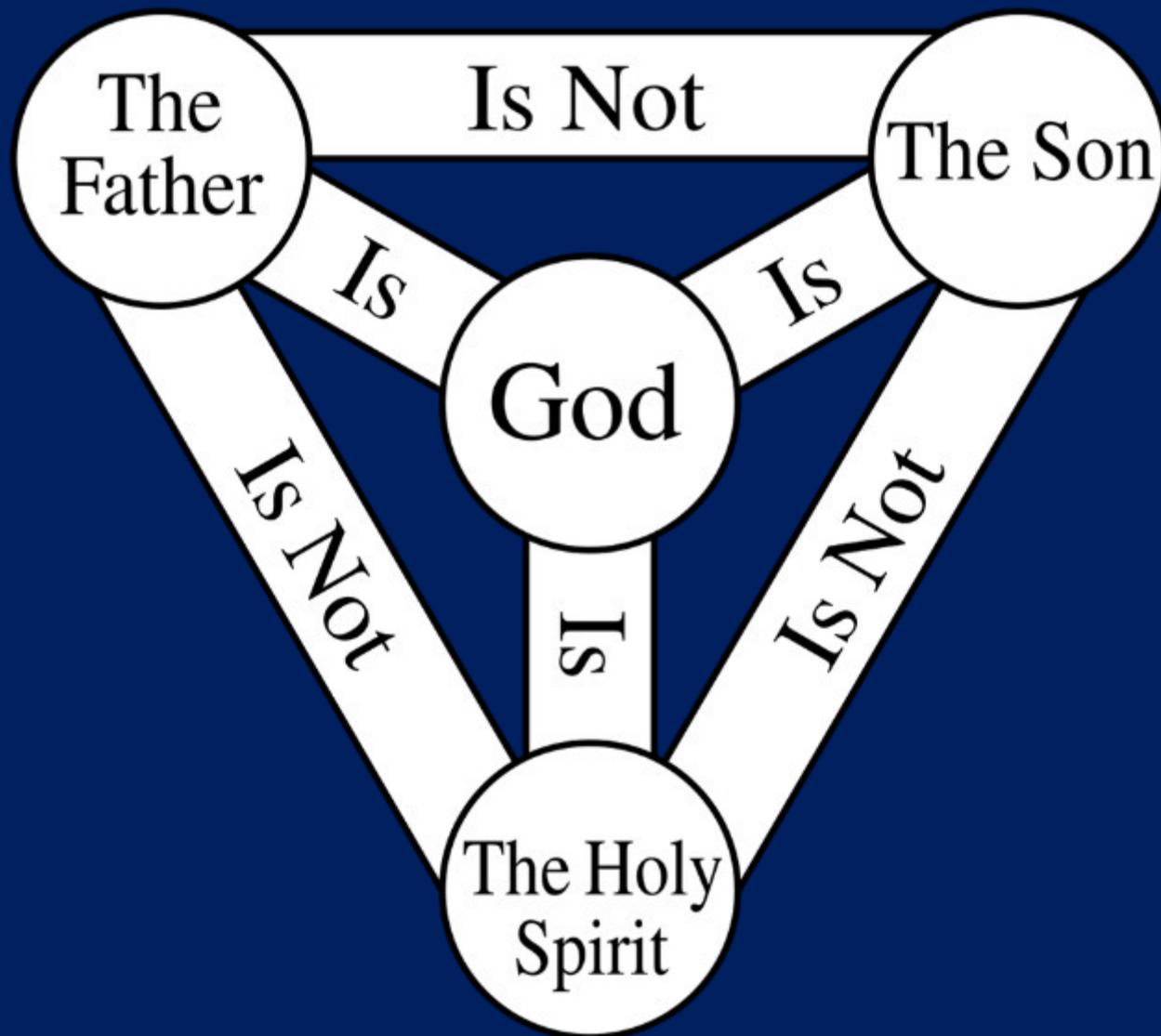
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- Romans 12
- 1 Corinthians 12
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From the house called Upper, which is now Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying, and Peter and John and James and Andrew and Thomas and Matthias and Simon the son of Alphaeus, and Cleopas the brother of Jesus, and with them the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred) and many women, 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 have heard that in Caesarea, the Holy Spirit testified by the mouth of Jona, concerning Juba, who became a guide to those who entered Caesarea. For he was created among us and received his share in this ministry." Close that man acquired a field with the price of his inheritance, and having laid down, he bore open to the middle and all his brethren, great and small, because to all who were living in Caesarea, so that he bore every language that had any sound in it, and he was a man of great credit. And he is mentioned in the book of Acts, "LET HIM, HOPEFULLY, AND WITH MINDFULNESS, AND LET US SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES." Therefore it is necessary one of the men who have accompanied in all our time, and the Lord Jesus took an old man up — bringing with him the brethren of Asia until 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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3. Acts 5:5-6

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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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B. Acts 5:7-10

Sapphira's' Discipline

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2. Peter's confrontation & judgment (9)

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From the account called Acts, 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, 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 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, and fasting, and giving thanks to the Lord always, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the Father, our Lord and Father, and saying Amen. And they continued to do this as they went on, and received the word in their hearts, and were persevering in the doctrine, and were multiplying, and were increasing in number in Jerusalem. And they were all together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions, and goods, and gave to all as they had need. And they were all of one heart and of one mind, and they were giving thanks to God always, and praising him, and glorifying him, and saying Amen, and were continually increasing in number, and were multiplying in Jerusalem. And they were all together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions, and goods, and gave to all as they had need. And they were all of one heart and of one mind, and they were giving thanks to God always, and praising him, and glorifying him, and saying Amen, and were continually increasing in number, and were multiplying in Jerusalem.



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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, 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 brethren. At this time Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons was there present, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with the brethren) and said, "Brethren, the Holy Spirit has appointed 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, at hand with the rest of the brethren, and taking his part in all who were living in Jerusalem, so that he bore with us, and he had his share in all that we did. And because he betrayed us, he 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, at hand with the rest of the brethren, and taking his part in all who were living in Jerusalem, so that he bore with us, and he had his share in all that we did. And because he betrayed us, he became a guide to those who captured Jesus. For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry.

LET US OFFER. Therefore it is necessary one of the men who have accompanied us all the time that Jesus went with us and all things we began to do, the testimony of whom shall be true, that He was taken up from us— one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection." So they



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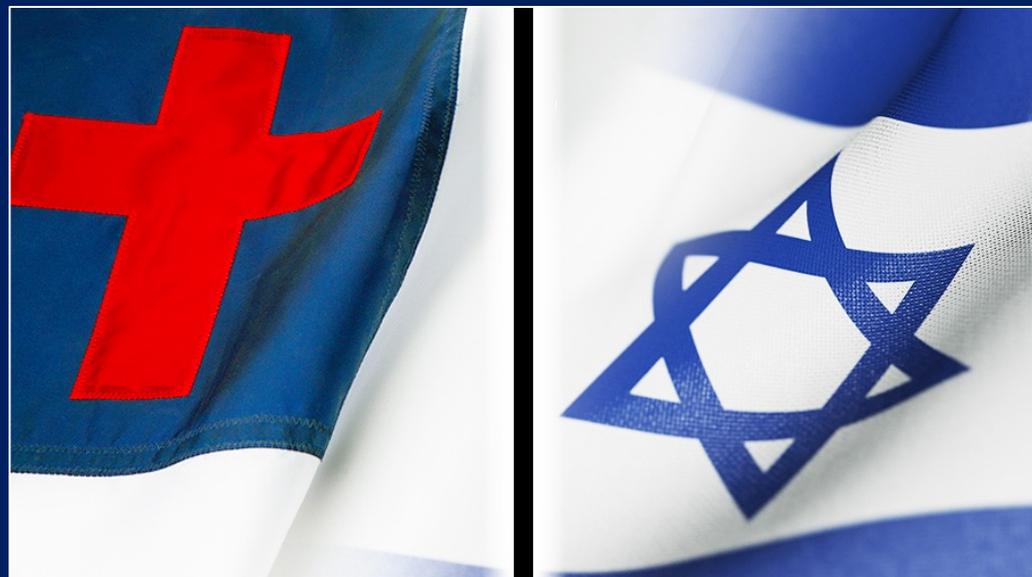
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“In the book of Acts, both Israel and the church exist simultaneously. The term *Israel* is used twenty times and *ekklēsia* (church) nineteen times, yet the two groups are always kept distinct.”



The 7 Churches in Revelation

Rev. 1:11



Conclusion

