

Class Requirements and Instructions

1. Each student will need a Bible. Any translation is fine. The teacher will be using the New King James.
2. A notebook for taking as well as keeping notes. A three ring binder is suggested. You will want a different section for each of the following:
 - a. Introductory material and handouts.
 - b. Your chapter notes.
 - c. A list of all people mentioned.
 - d. A list of all conversions.
 - e. A list and outline of all sermons/speeches.
- f. Tests (There will be two; One after Ch. 12 and one after Ch. 28)
3. Some materials suggested to aid you in your study:
 - a. A good commentary on Acts - New Testament History ACTS, by Reese, published by College Press. Commentary on Acts, by J.W. McGarvey, published by The Standard Publishing Company. The New International Commentary on Acts, by F.F. Bruce, published by Eerdmans.
 - b. A good reference book - International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, published by Eerdmans. The New Bible Dictionary, by Douglas, published by Eerdmans.
 - c. A good atlas of the Bible - Oxford Bible Atlas, published by Oxford University Press. Eerdmans Atlas of the Bible, published by Eerdmans.
4. What is expected of each student:
 - a. Read the assignment given each week and study it carefully.
 - b. Keep your notebook of each of the areas mentioned in item #2.
 - c. Take notes of class lecture and discussion.
 - d. Do 2 take home tests and return them for checking. No one will flunk! This course is taken solely for our edification.
 - e. Each student will be asked questions in class and we encourage each student to ask questions and make comments on the lesson.

To Be Memorized By All Students

1. Brief summary of Acts.

- A. The beginnings, progress and spreading of the church in Jerusalem -- Ch. 1-8:3
“... you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem,...”
- B. The spread of the gospel into Judea and Samaria -- Ch. 8:4-12
“...and in all Judea and Samaria,...”
- C. Paul’s Missionary Journeys -- Ch. 13-21
“...and to the end of the earth.”
- D. Paul’s imprisonment -- Ch. 22-28

2. Chapter points in Acts.

- Ch. 1 1)Introduction 2)Ascension 3)Choosing of Matthias
- Ch. 2 1)Coming of Holy Spirit 2)Peter’s 1st sermon 3)3000 souls added
- Ch. 3 1)Healing of lame man 2)Peter’s 2nd sermon
- Ch. 4 1)1st imprisonment 2)Prayer for boldness 3)Good example of giving
- Ch. 5 1)Bad example of giving 2)2nd imprisonment 3)Obey God rather than men
- Ch. 6 1)1st fuss over food 2)Choosing of the seven 3)Stephen arrested
- Ch. 7 1)Stephen’s defense 2)Stephen stoned
- Ch. 8 1)Saul persecutes the church 2)Phillip preaches in Samaria 3)Ethiopian Eunuch converted
- Ch. 9 1)Conversion of Saul 2)Peter raise Dorcas
- Ch. 10 1)Peter converts 1st Gentile, Cornelius
- Ch. 11 1)Peter’s defense of gentile convert 2)Disciple called Christians first in Antioch 3)Antioch send relief to Judea
- Ch. 12 1)James killed 2)Peter imprisonment and release 3)Herod killed by Angel of the Lord
- Ch. 13 1)1st missionary journey 2)Paul’s sermon at Antioch
- Ch. 14 1)Healing of lame man at Lystra 2)Paul stoned 3)End of 1st journey
- Ch. 15 1)Conference at Jerusalem 2)2nd missionary journey
- Ch. 16 1)Timothy chosen 2)Philippian Jailor converted
- Ch. 17 1)Paul threatened at Thessalonica and Berea 2)Bereans search scriptures 3)Sermon on Mars Hill
- Ch. 18 1)Paul at Corinth 2)End 2nd missionary journey 3)Apollos converted
- Ch. 19 1)12 Disciples of John converted 2)Riot at Ephesus
- Ch. 20 1)Lord’s Supper at Troas 2)Paul’s sermon to elders from Ephesus
- Ch. 21 1)3rd journey ends at Jerusalem 2)Jews assault Paul 3)Paul arrested by Romans
- Ch. 22 1)Paul’s defense to Jews in temple
- Ch. 23 1)Paul’s defense to High Priest and council 2)40 men vow to kill Paul 3) Paul sent to Governor Felix
- Ch. 24 1)Paul’s defense before Felix
- Ch. 25 1)Paul appeals to Caesar
- Ch. 26 1)Paul’s defense before Agrippa
- Ch. 27 1)Paul’s journey to Rome starts 2)Shipwreck
- Ch. 28 1)Paul bitten by poisonous snake 2) Paul in Rome 2 Years

Outline of The Book of Acts

1. Peter and the Jews -- Chapters 1 - 12
 - A. The Church at Jerusalem - Chapters 1 - 8:4
 - Chapter 1 - Introduction and review - Choosing of Matthias
 - Chapter 2 - Coming of Holy Spirit
 - Chapter 3 - Peter's 2nd sermon
 - Chapter 4 - Peter and John arrested
 - Chapter 5 - Lying to the Holy Spirit
 - Chapter 6 - Choosing of the Seven
 - Chapter 7 - Stephen's defense and death
 - B. Spreading of the Gospel - Chapters 8:4 - 12
 - Chapter 8 - Conversions of Sorcerer and Eunuch
 - Chapter 9 - Conversion of Saul
 - Chapter 10 - Conversion of Cornelius
 - Chapter 11 - Peter's defense of gentiles
2. Paul and the gentiles - Chapters 13 - 28
 - A. Paul's Missionary Journeys
 - Chapter 13 - 14 - 1st missionary journey
 - Chapter 15 - First doctrinal problem in the church
 - Chapter 16 - 18:22 - 2nd missionary journey
 - Chapter 18:23 - 21 - 3rd missionary journey
 - B. Paul's Imprisonment
 - Chapter 22 - Paul's defense before the Jews
 - Chapter 23 - Paul's defense before the Council
 - Chapter 24 - Paul's defense before Governor Felix
 - Chapter 25 - Paul's defense before Governor Festus
 - Chapter 26 - Paul's defense before King Agrippa
 - Chapter 27 - Paul's sea voyage towards Rome
 - Chapter 28 - Paul's stay at Malta - He enters Rome