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Acts: The Gifts and Operations of God

Acts Intro 1 Facts of Acts

I. God's Blueprint

The book of Acts is God's blueprint for the church. Like the book of Genesis, it is a book of beginnings. Without the book of Acts, we would have no record of where the Church began, how it began, and how it pressed forward in the midst of a very dark world.

II. Facts of the Book of Acts:

- There are 132 manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts
- There are 64 operations of the gifts of revelation.
 1. Word of Wisdom 37
 2. Word of Knowledge 8
 3. Discerning of Spirits 19
- There are 57 operations of gifts of power.
 1. Gift of Faith 20
 2. Gifts of Healings 19
 3. Working of Miracles 18
- There are 11 operations of gifts of inspiration.
 1. Prophecy 8
 2. Tongues 3
 3. Interpretation of Tongues (*)

Note: The gift of the interpretation of tongues is equal to prophecy as pertaining to its definition found in 1 Corinthians 14:3,5. It is very likely that when believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit and prayed in tongues and then prophesied, that these two gifts, tongues and the interpretation of tongues were in operation. We also see that on the day of Pentecost that as the newly baptized believers prayed in tongues that men from every nation heard them speaking in their own dialects. This was a vocal miracle, but not the interpretation of tongues. There was no need for interpretation because the miracle of tongues was in the known languages of those present.

- The Book of Acts doesn't have a conclusion.
- The Book of Acts covers approximately 30 years. About the same period of time of Jesus' earthly life.

- The Book of Acts begins in Jerusalem where the church is born and ends in Rome.
- There are 35 examples of harvest in the book of Acts. These Harvest examples range from multitudes, households, and single individuals.
- There are 14 references to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- There are 7 occurrences of the ministry of angels
- There are 23 references to resurrection
- There are 24 references to prayer
- There are 31 references to persecution
- There are 6 references to judgment. Some judgments ended in death while others were of temporal impediment.
- There are 19 Old Testament prophecies fulfilled.
- The Book of Acts is the reality of God's love for the whole world. This love was demonstrated through the preaching of the Gospel, which is still preached today.
- The Baptism of the Holy Spirit was administered supernaturally by the Lord Himself, by the Lord through His Apostles, and by the Lord through laymen, such as Ananias.
- Every major breakthrough in church growth or direction came through the manifestation of the gifts and operations of the Holy Spirit.
- Only three chapters (17, 24, and 25) have no detail of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in operation.
- The Book of Acts is a Historical record that deals primarily with the operations of the Holy Spirit to the Church and through the Church, rather than a record of the fruit of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers. (Contrasted to the message in the Epistles)
- The Book of Acts is not a book concerning the church being the salt of the earth, but rather a historical example of the church being the light of the world through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- The Book of Acts is divided into two major divisions. The first division is the Church in Jerusalem and the leadership of Peter and his ministry. The second division is the movement of the Church Westward into Europe and Rome with the leadership of Paul. History shows us that both Peter and Paul, the two chief Apostles, were martyred in Rome therefore effectively showing the shift of the Christian power base from Asia to Europe, from Jerusalem - which would be destroyed in A.D. 70 to Rome. These two Apostles were "seeds" planted into Europe. All of the Apostles went different directions with the Gospel, but Peter and Paul's ministries were in line with Daniel's vision concerning the direction of four world empires that would have an effect upon human history until the coming of Messiah. Therefore, the book of Acts, as it was also in the book of Daniel, is a record of how the Christian power base shifts from Jerusalem to the nations.
- The Bible lists 5 things that hinder the church from walking in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit:
 - Lack of desire (1 Cor. 14:1)
 - Ignorance (1 Cor. 12:1)
 - Unbelief (Mark 16:14)
 - Hardness of heart (Mark 16:14)
 - Prayerlessness (Luke 11:13, Luke 18:1)