

UNDERSTANDING THE TRANSITIONAL NATURE OF ACTS Pt. 3

A. AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF ACTS

B. AN EXPLANATION OF THE TRANSITIONS IN ACTS

1. From a _____ emphasis to a _____ emphasis.

2. From a Jewish national _____ (synagogue-type fellowship) to a Jew-Gentile-believer-as-one _____ (church-type fellowship).
 - What transition needed to occur in the thinking of these Christians? (1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:26-28; Ephesians 2:11-18, 3:2-8)

3. From an Old Testament _____ emphasis (with minimal grace dealings) to a New Testament _____ emphasis (with maximum grace dealings).
 - Did Peter need to grow in grace?

 - Did Paul need to stay grace-oriented?

 - What can you learn from all this?

C. AN EXPLANATION OF THE HISTORICAL NATURE OF ACTS

1. Acts explains what _____ in the early church, not necessarily what we are to do _____.

2. Two illustrations of this are...

a. Their communal-type living: Acts 4:32-37

b. The four different means of the giving of the Holy Spirit in Acts.

(1) Acts 2

(2) Acts 8

(3) Acts 10

(4) Acts 19

* Why did this occur this way?

* What is normative for today? (Ephesians 1:13, 14; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:13)