

Acts of the Apostles  
Conclusion (Part 2)

Prominent Themes and Practical Lessons

- 1) Corporate Prayer (2:42)
  
- 2) The Ministry of the Holy Spirit (1:8)
  
- 3) The Local Church (16:5)
  
- 4) Biblical Evangelism (Matt. 28:19, 20 repeated throughout Acts)
  
- 5) Signs, Wonders, and Miracles (2:19, 22, 43; 3:1-26; 4:10, 29, 30; 5:12-16, 19; 6:8; 8:6, 13; 9:30-35, 40-42; 12:6-11; 14:3; 15:12; 19:11, 12; 20:9-12; 28:3-5)

-Neither the power of Jesus, nor the ability to perform miracles exempts anyone from trouble or danger.

-It doesn't appear that the apostles or Stephen or Philip ever held anything healing services.

-Signs, wonders, and miracles always occurred in conjunction with the preaching of the Word, and were intended to authenticate the messengers and their message (Heb. 2:3, 4).

-The Bible warns against seeking sensational experiences as ends in themselves (Matt. 7:21-23; Acts 8:9-11; 18-22).

- 6) Suffering for the Gospel (9:16; 14:22; 2 Tim. 3:12)

-Persecution led to the spread of the gospel (8:1-4; 11:19-21).

-We will suffer for the gospel (Matt. 10:34-39)

-Helps in Times of Suffering: fear of God (Matt. 10:28); joy in suffering for Jesus (Matt. 5:11, 12 with Luke 6:22, 23; Acts 5:41)

7) The Multi-Ethnic Makeup of the Church (Gen. 12:3; Is. 49:6; Matt. 20:1-16; Luke 24:46, 47; John 14:6; Acts 13:46; 15:11; 18:6; 19:8, 9; 28:28; Rom. 3:22; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:8, 26; Eph. 2:11-3:9; Col. 3:11; Rev. 5:9)

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- The gospel produces true unity like nothing else does (Gal. 3:28).

8) The Christ of the Bible: Last Adam (Rom. 5:14, 19); Promised Seed and Son (Gen. 3:15; 22:18); Better Passover (1 Cor. 5:7; 1 Pet. 1:18, 19); Prophet Like Moses (Acts 3:22); True Bread From Heaven (John 6:32-35); Better Sacrifice (John 1:19); Better Priest (Heb. 7:17-28); True Tabernacle / Temple (John 1:14; 2:20, 22); Better King (Luke 1:32, 33; Matt. 16:18.)