

## **Lesson 5 Acts: Witness to the World**

1. “The Acts of the Holy Spirit.”
2. Peter is very emotional with a penchant for talking. He and his brother Andrew were partners in a fishing business in Galilee (Mark 1:16); he was married (Mark 1:29-31; 1 Cor. 9:5) and had a residence in Capernaum (Mark 1:21,29). Peter had been a disciple of John the Baptist (John 1:35-42). Peter was a leader among men. The worst moment in Peter’s life came when he denied the Lord of glory (Mark 14:66-72). However, he was restored to fellowship and given a place of leadership in the Church of Jesus Christ (Matt. 16:17-19; John 21:15-19; Mark 16:7) in Jerusalem. His wise counsel and leadership allowed him to serve as a unifying force between those who ministered to the Jews and those who ministered to the Gentiles (Acts 10-11)
3. Born of Jewish parents (who were also Roman citizens) from the tribe of Benjamin, Paul was reared in the city of Tarsus, in Cilicia. A capable student filled with religious zeal, Paul became “a Hebrew of the Hebrews” (Phil. 3:5). As an adult, Paul persecuted those Christians of “The Way” until he was converted to Christ himself, c AD 34. Soon after his salvation, Paul began to preach Christ intensely. God taught Paul that if belief in Christ was the true object of saving faith, then even the Gentiles could believe. Paul preached to the Gentiles for over thirty years, despite much hardship and sorrow.

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