



EDGEMONT BIBLE CHURCH
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“THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”
A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF ACTS
“UNDERSTANDING THIS BOOK”



I. BASIC INTRODUCTION

A. Author

B. Date

C. Historical setting

D. Key Words/Concepts

1. Some form of “Jew”	80 times
2. Holy Spirit or Spirit	54 times
3. Some form of “faith” or “believe”	53 times
4. Some form of “preach”	36 times
5. Gentiles	31 times
6. Christ	30 times
7. Some form of “pray”	30 times
8. Some form of “church”	20 times
9. The way	8 times
10 Kingdom of God	8 times

II. A BOOK OF TRANSITIONS

A. From Jesus’ ministry to that of the Apostles

B. From the Old Covenant to the New Covenant

C. From Jewish to mixed to Gentile

D. From Jerusalem to the ends of the earth

E. From central location to mobile ministry

III. ACTS 1:8 OUTLINE OF THE BOOK

A. “Jerusalem”	- Chapters 1-6
B. “Judea”	- Chapter 8:1-3
C. “Samaria”	- Chapter 8:4-25
D. “the ends of the earth”	- Chapters 8:26-28:31
E. Still being written	-

IV. METHOD USED (NT Model of Church Planting)

- A. Prayer first** ACTS 13:1-4;9
 - 1. United
 - 2. Intense, earnest, filled with faith, prevailing
- B. Receiving power - filled with the Spirit**
- C. Preaching the Kingdom of God, the gospel** ACTS 14:21-23
 - 1. To the Jew first, then to the Gentile (proselyte then public)
 - 2. Jesus as the promised Messiah and King
 - 3. Jesus’ death and resurrection
 - 4. The promise of the Spirit to those who believe; evidence of faith
- D. Make Disciples - continuous teaching**
- E. Appoint elders w/prayer and fasting, commending to the Lord**