

Acts-Outline Handout #1

(Acts of the Apostles) (consider as a report of the acts of the Holy Spirit)

Written by Luke the beloved physician, companion of Paul; Volume 2 of Luke's account (Gospel of Luke is Volume 1); Addressed to Theophilus who may have been his patron (financed him during the writing of the books) Conservative scholars date writing of book between 60-62 ad.

Acts picks up from Luke 24:49-53

Outline (extracted from Bible Knowledge Commentary, Walvoord, Zuck)

- I. The Witness in Jerusalem (1:1-6:7)
 - a. The expectation of the chosen (chaps. 1-2)
 - b. The expansion of the church at Jerusalem
 - i. Opposition to the church (3:1-4:31)
 - ii. Correction in the church (4:32-5:11)
 - iii. Progression in the church (5:12-42)
 - iv. Administration in the church (6:1-7)
- II. The Witness in all Judea and Samaria (6:8-9:31)
 - a. The martyrdom of Stephen (6:8-7:1)
 - b. The ministry of Philip
 - c. The message of Saul
- III. The Witness to the Extremity of the Earth (9:32-28:31)
 - a. The extension of the church to Antioch (9:32-12:24)
 - b. The extension of the church to Asia Minor (12:25-16:5)
 - i. The call and dedication of Barnabas and Saul (12:25-13:3)
 - ii. The circuit in Asia Minor (1st missionary journey-13:4-14:28)
 - iii. The conference at Jerusalem (15:1-35)
 - iv. Confirmation of churches in Asia Minor (15:36 16:5) (2nd missionary journey (15:36-18:22))
 - c. The extension of the church in the Aegean area (16:6-19:20)
 - i. The call to Macedonian (16:6-10)
 - ii. The conflicts in Macedonia (16:11-17:15)
 - iii. The crusade in Achaia (17:16-18:18)
 - iv. Conclusion of the second missionary journey (18:19-22)
 - v. Conquest of Ephesus (18:23-19:20) (3rd missionary journey-18:23-21:16)
 - d. The extension of the church to Rome (19:21-28:31)
 - i. Completion of 3rd journey (19:21-21:16)
 - ii. Captivity at Jerusalem (21:17-23:32)
 - iii. Captivity at Caesarea (23:33-26:32)
 - iv. Captivity at Rome (chaps. 27-28)