

Overview Outline of Acts
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- A. 1:1-2:4, Prolog
- B. 2:5-6:7, Jerusalem
 - 1. 2:5-41, Peter's Sermon
 - 2. 2:42-47, Summary of the church's life
 - a) Doctrine
 - b) Fellowship
 - c) Breaking of Bread (This alone is not recapped in this section; comes up again only in ch. 20:7,11, and debatably in 27:35 [split idiom]. The full details of the breaking of bread cannot be appreciated until the Gentiles have been brought in.)
 - d) Prayer
 - 3. 3:1-5:42, Doctrine and Prayer
 - a) 3:1-4:28, Prayer in the temple leads to healing of the lame man, preaching, and subsequent persecution.
 - b) 4:29-5:42, Answered Prayer
 - 1) 4:29-30, The believers make several requests:
 - a> oversight of persecution;
 - b> boldness in their preaching;
 - c> signs, wonders, and healings.
 - 2) 4:31 One request is answered (for boldness).
 - 3) 5:12-16, Another request is answered (signs, wonders, and healings), after lessons (4:32-5:11) on internal love and purity in the church.
 - 4) 5:17-42, Final answer (the Lord's supervision of the temple opposition).
 - 4. 6:1-7, Transition (fellowship)
- C. 6:1-11:18, Judea and Samaria
 - 1. 6:8-8:2, Trial and Martyrdom of Stephen
 - 2. 8:3-9:30, Saul's persecution and conversion
 - a) 8:3-4, general persecution by Saul and scattering of the believers
 - b) 8:5-40, Philip as a specific instance of the scattering of the believers
 - c) 9:1-30 as a specific instance of Saul's persecution
 - 3. 9:31-11:18, The Church after Saul's Conversion
 - a) 9:31 introductory summary, describing the state of the church after Saul's conversion
 - b) 9:32-11:18, specific examples of this in the ministry of Peter

- 1) 9:32-43, Raising of Dorcas
- 2) 10:1-11:18, Conversion of Cornelius

D. 11:19ff, The Ends of the Earth

1. 11:19-15:35, The Acts of the Church at Antioch

a) 11:19, summary

b) 11:20-26, Founding of the Church; also gets Barnabas and Saul together.

c) 12-15, Three Characteristics of the Church, each bracketed by th

departure and return of Barnabas and Paul:

- 1) 12, a Loving church
- 2) 13-14, a Missionary church
- 3) 15, a Disciplined church

2. 15:36-???, Joint (Antioch-Jerusalem) Missionary Journeys
(NB: Silas is from Jerusalem.)