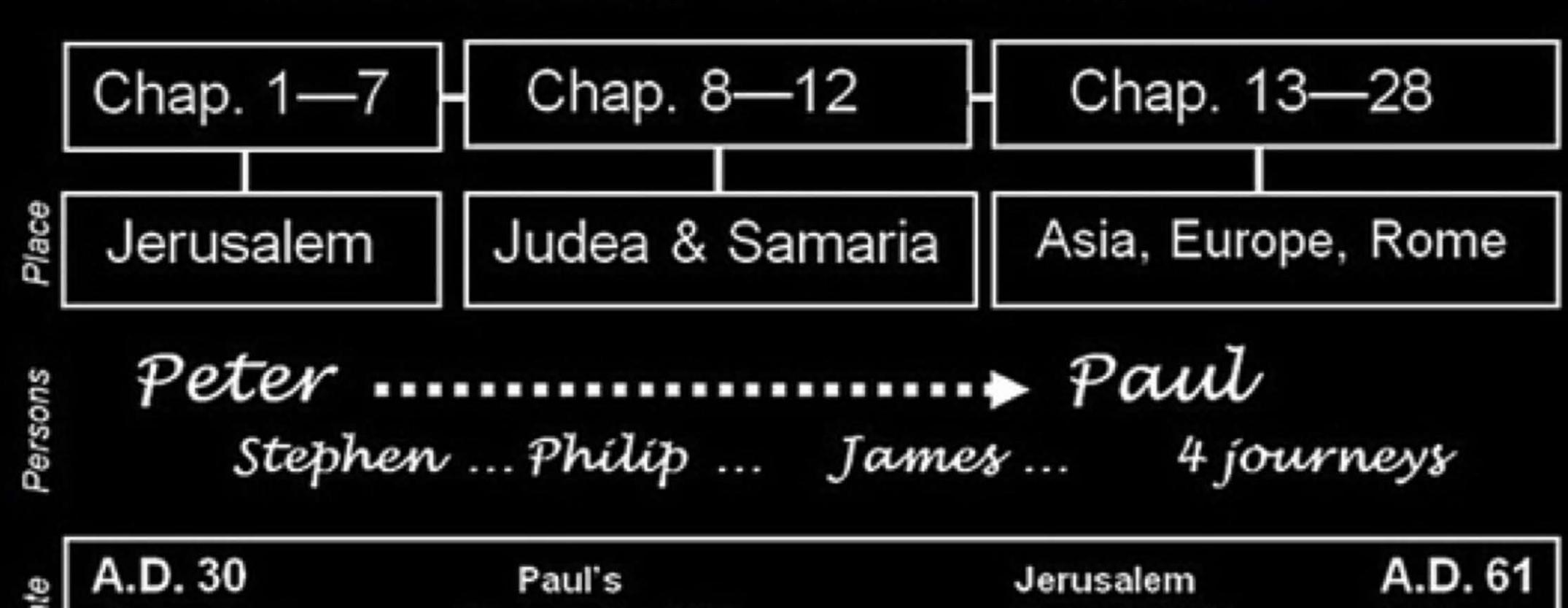
The Book of Acts Is a Transition

Acts 15:14

[James is speaking] "Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name"





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For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

"But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?'

But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

Romans 11:13

2 Timothy 1:11

and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,

as also in all his epistles (14 of them), speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.

Jesus said to her (the Samaritan), "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.

You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

(He is) the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock (of who you say I am) I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. (or keep it out)

And I will give you (Peter) the keys (plural) of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind (or forbid) on earth will (already) be bound (or forbidden) in heaven, and whatever you loose (allow) on earth will (already) be loosed (allowed) in heaven."

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ (by faith alone), he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have are becoming new.

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. (in kind or type, not from Adam but from Jesus) And being assembled together with them (the Apostles), He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me;

for John truly baptized with water, but (all of) you shall (collectively) be baptized (or immersed) with (in) the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon (enveloping all of) you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting (thus enveloping them).

Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

Therefore (Jesus) being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out (upon us) this which you now see (better: 'you are aware of') and hear (the rushing wind and eventually the tongues they spoke). And they were all FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT and (then they) began to speak with other tongues (languages they did not know), as the Spirit gave them utterance.

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

Therefore those who were scattered (or 'sown', from the persecution of 8:13) went everywhere preaching the word.

Then Philip... he went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them.

And the multitudes (of Samaria, see John 4:1-42, for the foundation of this work) with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did (being Spirit filled).

For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.

And there was great joy (fruit of the Spirit) in that city.

Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,

who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been (water) baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

So when they (Peter and John) had testified and preached the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans (showing that they as Apostles are 'all in' regarding the Samaritans).

You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. The Gentiles Act 10:17-48

Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.

But in every nation (ethnos) whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all—

that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached:

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree (notice he does not say the word 'cross' to a Roman).

Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly,

not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead.

To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins." While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those (plural) who heard the word.

And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also (how do we know?).

For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.
Then Peter answered,

"Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"

And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples

he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"
So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?"
So they said, "Into John's baptism."

Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

So Why Are we Confused About the Baptism by Jesus in Acts 2 versus the Baptism by the H.S. in 1Corinthians 12:13?

So what is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit where the Baptizer is the Holy Spirit?

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

Why do many Charismatics/Pentecostals/
Calvary Chapelites believe that there is a second baptism or second blessing of the Spirit for believers?