



THE BOOK OF
ACTS

a book of transitions

Acts is a Book of Transitions

Part 2

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Acts is a Transition from the Spirit that is **with** all people, to living **within** individual believers, to being the Spirit of Christ **among** believers.

**With you >>>> In you >>>> Upon you to be
Among you**

¹⁸And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock [**Peter's confession of the Christ, the Son of the living God**] I will build My **church**, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it [**or stop it**]. ¹⁹And I will give you [**singular, Peter**] the keys [**plural**] of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind [**forbidden**] on earth will [**have already been**] bound [**forbidden**] in heaven, and whatever you loose [**allow**] on earth will [**have already been**] loosed [**allowed**] in heaven.”

¹⁶But if he **[a divisive person]** will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established **[in context with regards to church discipline, and maintaining unity]**.' ¹⁷And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. ¹⁸"Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you **[Disciples/Apostles]** bind **[forbid]** on earth will **[have already been]** bound **[or forbidden]** in heaven, and whatever you loose **[or allow]** on earth will **[have already been]** loosed **[or allowed]** in heaven. ¹⁹"Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and **in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man**, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. ¹⁴His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; ¹⁵His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; ¹⁶He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. ¹⁷And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. ¹⁹Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

²⁰The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels **[better: messengers]** of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

This being in the midst of the church is what Jesus was referring to in John 14:16-17

¹⁶And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper **[like Jesus]**, that He may abide **[together]** with you **[plural]** forever—¹⁷**[Who is this Helper?]** the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells **[right now]** with **[alongside of]** you and will be in you.

Matthew 28:19-20 when He says, ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with **[amongst you]** you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

⁵for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with **[better, 'within']** the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

For you **[plural, all of you]** are the **[singular]** temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in **[each of them]** and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”

The Baptism by Jesus of the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and the Son and therefore is an extension of the Father and the Son, is the divine unifying Spirit that creates the One universal Body of Christ and the local church.

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Acts is a Transition from Israel being the set-aside nation, to individual Jews saved by faith



Acts is a transition from an elaborate Passover feast to the Lord's Communion of bread & juice

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Acts is a Transition from Jerusalem as the church's headquarters to Antioch, Syria, to no one earthly center at all

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Acts is a Transition from land-oriented Israel to the Heaven-oriented Church.



Acts is a Transition from a visible orientation to
an invisible orientation.



Acts is a Transition from affirming signs and wonders
to the edifying gifts of the Spirit in the Church.

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—

ACTS 2:22

Hebrews 2:3-4 Summarizes the signs and wonders done by those who personally heard Him:

³how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, ⁴God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

¹⁴And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. ¹⁶Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹¹Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹²so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

Summary: Signs and Wonders to the Gifts of the Spirit is a transition in the Book of Acts.

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Acts is a Transition in leadership from the Sanhedrin to Apostles and Prophets, to Pastor/Teachers.



Acts is a transition from ritual water baptism for repentance to water baptism modeling the Baptism of Jesus into and out of death.

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Acts is a Transition from Sabbath keeping to First Day of the week worship; from the last day to first day.

One person esteems one day above another;
another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully
convinced in his own mind.

ROMANS 14:5



Acts is a Transition from being an assembly of
believers to the one Body of Christ with many
connected members



Acts is a transition from limited Jewish civil sovereignty
to a Church that has no civil sovereignty



Acts is a transition from Jesus doing no baptisms to doing the first baptism in the Book of Acts

¹When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ²And 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 all of them]**. ³Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.