

Survey of the New Testament

Acts: Part II – “Overview”

I. Author.

A. Luke

1. Reasons for authorship.

II. Practical outline.

A. Brief Outline.

Acts: The Work of Jesus Christ in the Extension of the Church

1-12	I. The extension of the church in and from Jerusalem.
13-28	II. The extension of the church from Antioch.

B. Expanded Outline.

Acts: The Work of Jesus Christ in the Extension of the Church

1-12	I. The extension of the church in and from Jerusalem.
1-7	A. In Jerusalem
1,2	1. Christ’s Ascension. Choice of Matthias to replace Judas. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Results:
3:1-4:31	2. Wonders and signs: particularly the cure of the lame beggar.

4:32-5:11	3. Witness bearing and voluntary sharing; also its perversion in the case of Ananias and Sapphira.
5:12-7:60	4. Winning of souls; the rapid growth of the church, which results in persecution – imprisonment of the Twelve and martyrdom of Stephen, which in turn results in further growth.
8-12	B. From Jerusalem, into all Judea and Samaria and the surrounding regions.
8	1. Philip's missionary labors.
9:1-30	2. Saul's conversion.
9:31-11:18	3. Peter's missionary labors.
11:19-12:25	4. Results of these labors: the further growth of the church, which results in further persecution: martyrdom of James, the son of Zebedee; imprisonment of Peter.
13-28	II. The extension of the church from Antioch, mainly through the Labors of Paul.
13:1-15:35	A. Paul's First Missionary Journey and the Jerusalem Conference.
15:36-18:22	B. Second Missionary Journey.
18:23-21:16	C. Third Missionary Journey.
21:17-26:32	D. Paul in Jerusalem and Caesarea.
27, 28	E. Voyage to Rome, arrival, and first Roman imprisonment.

Hendriksen, *Survey of the Bible*, p. 402-403

III. Purpose Statement and Validation of Gospel to all People Groups.

A. Background.

1. Promise to Abraham.

a. Genesis 12:1-3

2. Realized in the Gentile world.

a. Romans 2:28-29

b. Galatians 3:17-18, 29

c. James 1:1

B. Purpose statement and Holy Spirit validation.

1. Preface of Acts

2. Confirmation.

a. Jews.

b. Samaritans.

c. God Fearers.

d. The Pagans.

IV. Evangelism in Acts.

A. Confrontation/Repentance.

“Love of God?”

“Repent” as a term

Acts 2:38, 3:19; 8:22; 17:30; 26:20

“Repentance” as a term

Acts 5:31; 11:18; 19:4; 20:21; 26:20

1. Sermons and dialogs

Pentecost by Peter	2:14-39	Repent used in vs. 38.
At the Portico by Peter	3:11-26	Repent used in vs. 18.
Steven	7:1-53	No mention of Repentance, but heavy confrontation about Israel's resistance to preaching by the prophets.
Peter dealing with Simon	8:18-24	Repent used in verse 22.
Conversion of Paul	9	Confrontation, vs. 4, "Why do you persecute me?" No use of repent.
Peter and Cornelius	10	Jesus noted as judge of living and dead, vs. 42.
Paul at Antioch	13:13-52	People needed forgiveness, vs. 38-41, and rejected by Jewish hearers.
Paul at Athens	17:16-31	God declares all men to repent, vs. 30.
Paul and the Elders of Ephesus	20:17-35	Repentance commanded, vs. 20-21.
Paul before Agrippa	26:1-32	Repentance commanded, vs. 20.

2. Use of "Salvation"

Peter speaking in Temple	4:12	Only found in Christ
Paul in synagogue	13:26	Word of salvation sent out
Paul in synagogue	13:47	Salvation to the ends of the Earth
Paul followed	16:17	Girl with spirit of divination
Paul before _____	28:28	Sent out to gentiles

3. Use of "Saved"

2:21; 2:40; 2:47; 4:12; 11:14; 15:1; 15:11; 16:30; 16:31; 27:20; 27:31; 28:4

4. Use of "Accept" in New Testament

Not Relevant: Acts 16:21; 22:18; Rom 14:1; I Cor. 2:14; Philemon 17, 3 John

Relevant: Romans 15:7 → Accepted by Christ

5. Use of "Accepted" in New Testament

Not Relevant: Acts 2:41; 8:14; 15:8; Romans 10:16

Relevant: Romans 14:3; 15:7

V. The Importance of Miracles

A. Miracles validate the message of the messenger.

1. Note Jesus' remarks:

2. Miracles of the Apostles

Peter and the beggar	Acts 3:6-10
Ananias & Sapphira	Acts 5:1-11
Many signs done	Acts 5:12-13
Sick healed in the streets	Acts 5:15
Steven performs works	Acts 6:8
Raising of Dorcas	Acts 9:36-42
Blinding of Bar-Jesus by Paul	Acts 13:6-12
Healing of Lame Man's feet	Acts 14:8-11
Casting out Spirit of Divination	Acts 16:16-18
Extoling Miracles by Paul	Acts 19:11-12
Failure of Jewish exorcist to cast out demon	Acts 19:13-17
Eutychus raised from the dead	Acts 20:9-12
Paul's discussion with an angel confirms the ship's predicament	Acts 27:21-25, 31, 44
Paul, impervious to a serpent	Acts 28:3-6

B. Miracles decline with the end of the Apostle's ministry.

1. No immediate wellness for Epaphroditus – Philippians 2:25-30

2. Timothy instructed to take wine for stomach ailments – I Timothy 5:23

3. Bodily illness of Paul – Galatians 4:13

4. The disciple Trophimus left behind because of illness – II Timothy 4:20

5. Number of miracles decline in final third of Acts (Chapters 20-28).

VI. Inclusion of Paul's testimony.

A. Occurrences.

B. Meaning.