

# ACTS

## Key Ideas:

The power of the HOLY SPIRIT  
The INCLUSIVENESS of the Gospel  
The SOVEREIGNTY of God among the nations

## Key Verses:

### Acts 1:8

*“You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be [a]witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

## Main Structure:

Acts 1-12, The Acts of Peter  
Acts 13-28, The Acts of Paul

## Author:

Luke

## Time of Writing:

About 63 A.D.

## Purpose of Book:

To show Gentile audiences that Christianity was not a law-breaking Jewish sect but rather an inclusive message of grace that perpetrated by law-abiding, reasonable men who were full of the supernatural power of God.

## Message:

- A. The Church, as the Body of Christ, cannot function apart from the ministry of the Holy Spirit.
- B. Only by the power of the Holy Spirit can the Great Commission be fulfilled.

## Born of the Spirit:

1. Impartation of life to the human spirit
2. Regeneration of the Spirit
3. Believed Christ as Saviour
4. Evidence - Inward witness of the Spirit unto salvation
5. Ninefold fruit of the Spirit
6. For Christian character to live by
7. The gift of God, eternal life
8. He shall be with you and in you
9. Witness of the blood of the Saviour

**Baptized in the Spirit:**

1. Impartation of power to the regenerated spirit
2. Baptism in or with the Spirit
3. Receiving the Holy Spirit
4. Evidence - Speaking with tongues
5. Ninefold gifts of the Spirit, showing the power of Christ
6. For Christian power for service
7. Gift of the Holy Spirit from Christ
8. He shall come upon you
9. Witness of the indwelling Spirit

*The Holy Spirit is the third divine person of the eternal Godhead, co-equal, co-eternal, and co-existent with the Father and the Son. It is His ministry to convict and convert man as well as to reveal the Son and the Father to the believer. Since the glorification of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit in all His glorious operations is working through all who believe on the Father through the Son. This is why the present era is known as the age of the Holy Spirit.*

—Kevin J. Conner