# The Acts of the Apostles

Acts of the Spirit



#### Acts

- Luke the Physician is also Luke the Historian
- Lists over 100 names in Acts
- Some he gives with titles (some who would have only been in office for a year)
- Lists no fewer than 100 place names
- Contains about 26 speeches
- Archaeology validates Luke's account over and over again

#### Acts

- Book of Transitions
- From Old Covenant to New Covenant
- From Law to Grace
- From Jews to Gentiles

#### Acts

- From Sign gifts to no sign gifts
- From Prophets to the Holy Ghost
- From Israel to Church

# **Pentecost**

- A feast with required attendance
- 50 days after Passover
- Original Pentecost saw about 3000 die
- This Pentecost saw about 3000 saved

# **Pentecost**

- Tongues is first mentioned
- Everyone heard in own language
- No interpreter needed
- This is different from what is described later in 1 Corinthians

# **Discipleship**

- As Luke writes to a disciple, it is important to consider this topic
- Acts 2:41-47
- Acts 4:4
- Acts 5:14
- Acts 5:42-6:7
- Acts 9:31

### **Church at Jerusalem**

- Logistical problems with new converts
- Housing, food, care for widows
- Practical solution = DEACONS
- James is Pastor
- Heavy persecution by Saul of Tarsus

# **Baptism for Salvation?**

- Acts 2:38 is a favorite verse for Church of Christ followers
- Must compare Scripture with Scripture
- Peter preaches in Acts 3:19 as well...
- Compare order of 2:38 w/ 10:44-48
- Understand usage of word FOR
- Understand Grammar of 2:38

# Characters to know

- Acts is a "Who's Who" of history...
- Peter and Paul
- Barnabas and John Mark
- Silas and Jude
- Ananias
- Ananias and Sapphira
- Eutychus and Demetrius

#### **Characters to know**

- James
- Herod Agrippa 1 and 2
- Felix and Festus
- Tabitha (AKA Dorcas)
- Gamaliel
- Timothy
- Aquilla / Priscilla / Apollos

#### **Characters to know**

- Lydia
- Demaris
- Mattathias
- Rhoda
- Aristarchus
- Luke
- Philippian Jailer
- Philip and Stephen

# Paul's First Missionary Journey







#### Representative

Sopater

Aristachus

Secundus

Gaius

Timothy

Tychicus

**Trophimus** 

Luke

#### Church

Berea

Thessalonica

Thessalonica

Derbe

Lystra

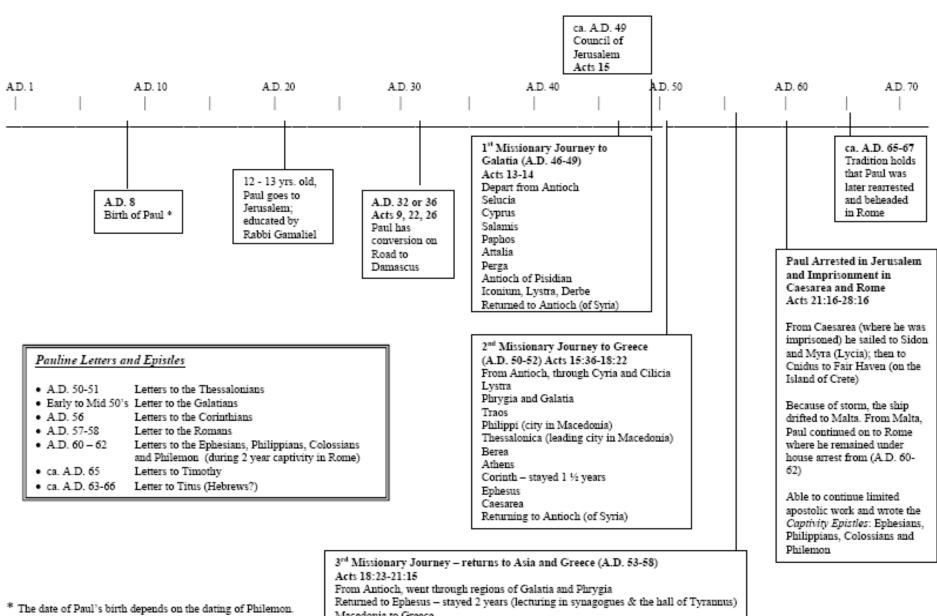
**Asian Churches** 

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Philippi

\*Acts 20:4-5

#### Timeline of St. Paul's Life and Missionary Journeys



Traditionally it is dated during his imprisonment in Rome (A.D. 60-62).

Macedonia to Greece

Traos (Paul raises Eutyches from the dead – Acts 20:7-12)

Assos, then Mitylene, Chios, Samos, and arrived in Miletus Tyre to Ptolema, Caesarea and Jerusalem (final destination of his missionary trip)

#### **Timeline for Paul's Epistles**

(Conybeare & Howson)

Order	Letter	Written From	Sent To	When
1	I Thessalonians	Corinth	Thessalonika	2 <sup>nd</sup> Journey
2	II Thessalonians	Corinth	Thessalonika	2 <sup>nd</sup> Journey
3	I Corinthians	Ephesus	Corinth	3 <sup>rd</sup> Journey
4	II Corinthians	Macedonia en	Corinth	3 <sup>rd</sup> Journey
		route to Corinth		
5	Galatians	Corinth	Galatia	3 <sup>rd</sup> Journey
6	Romans	Corinth	Rome	3 <sup>rd</sup> Journey
7	Philemon	Rome	Colosse?	1 <sup>st</sup> Imprisonment
8	Colossians	Rome	Colosse	1 <sup>st</sup> Imprisonment
9	Ephesians	Rome	Ephesus	1 <sup>st</sup> Imprisonment
10	Philippians	Rome	Philippi	1 <sup>st</sup> Imprisonment
11	I Timothy	Macedonian	Ephesus	4 <sup>th</sup> Journey (Journey to Spain
	-	Nicopolis	-	between imprisonments)
12	Titus	Macedonian	Crete	4 <sup>th</sup> Journey (Journey to Spain
		Nicopolis		between imprisonments)
13	II Timothy	Rome	Ephesus?	2 <sup>nd</sup> Imprisonment