

Acts Revisited

Introduction

Why study the book of Acts?

- To be familiar with the beginning and spread of the church in the first century.
- To understand the process of conversion.
- To know the outline of the Gospel as presented in the speeches and defenses recorded in the book of Acts.
- To become familiar with doctrines found in the book of Acts – such as Conversion, Miracles, Prayer, Church Growth, etc.
- To better restore the church at South Side to that of the first century.

Date of the book is around A.D. 63.

Author of the book is Luke (compare Acts 1:1-2 with Luke 1:3)

- Both books are anonymous.
- Both books are to Theophilus.
- Acts begins where the Gospel of Luke ends.
- Vocabulary is very similar.
- Luke was a companion of Paul.
- The change from “he” to “we”:
 - Acts 16:10-17.
 - Acts 20:5-21:18.
 - Acts 27:1-28:16.

Written to or for Theophilus

- A supporter of Luke.
- A Roman official.
- Possibly a generic term to conceal the real identity of “God friend”.