



The Book of Acts, 2021
Pastor Francek Strlek
Session 1
Birth of the Church

A large, vibrant image of Pentecost tongues of fire, with colors ranging from bright yellow and orange to deep red and purple, set against a dark background.

ACTS
— CHURCH ON —
FIRE

Key Scripture (Luke 24:49 NKJV)

“Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

Instructional Overview

Big Ideas

- The book of Acts stages the birth of the New Testament church under the better promises of the dispensation of grace.
- Jesus Christ now having fulfilled the Law requirement of the death of a testator renders the Law obsolete, giving specific commands to His disciples to preach the Kingdom message of salvation through repentance and water baptism.
- Furthermore, Jesus commanded the disciples to wait for the promised Holy Spirit.
- Now having received the power of the Holy Ghost, the authority of the name of Jesus Christ empowers the New Testament church to begin a mission campaign.

Essential Questions

- What is the purpose of the church?
- What is the gospel message?
- Under what authority do we see the Apostles and the early church operating?

Lecture: Purpose of Acts and the Church

- Introduction
 - Luke 1:3; Acts 1:1
- Record of the Apostles' Actions & Assignments
 - Matt 28:18-20; Luke 24:45-47; John 14:26; Acts 1:2-4;

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Read•Reflect•Respond

Directions:

Each group will read the passage of scripture below and write your responses to the prompt below on chart paper. Work together to list in detail a thoughtful response reflecting what the passage reveals. Then be prepared to respond individually as Pastor Francek calls on you.

Prompt: in detail, under what authority did the Apostles operate in this passage of scripture?

Read and Reflect: Acts 4:8-13

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: ⁹ If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, ¹⁰ let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.

¹¹ This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ ¹² Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

Activity 3 Cont'd.

Lecture: Things to Notice

- Bookmark – The Purpose
 - Acts 1:8
- The Message
 - Acts 2:37; 38-39; 41, 42
- Under What Authority
 - Acts 2:33; 3:16; 4:7-13

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Directions

- The Book of Acts describes the message of the Church as the Apostles doctrine. Acts 2:30-42 clearly articulates repentance and water baptism with the promise of the indwelling of the Holy Ghost as the Apostle’s Doctrine.
- Each group should read and reflect on the assigned passage/s. Then, respond to the question in a well-rounded paragraph providing cross references as support. One person will report out.

<p>Group 1 Belief Read and Reflect: Acts 8:37 “Then Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’” (cf. Heb 11:6). Respond: What does Scripture say about belief?</p>	<p>Group 2 Repentance & Death Read and Reflect: Acts 26:20 “But declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance.” Respond: What does Scripture say about repentance?</p>
<p>Group 3 Burial & Water Baptism Read and Reflect Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’” Acts 22:16 “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” Respond: What does these passages say water baptism achieves?</p>	<p>Group 4 Resurrection & Holy Ghost Empowerment Read and Reflect: Acts 1:8 “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 2:4 “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Respond: What does Scripture say about baptism of the Holy Spirit?</p>

Lecture Wrap Up: Message of the Church- Jesus Is Our Propitiation

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One-Sentence Explanation

Directions:

- Write one sentence explaining the most significant thing you learned today.
- Pastor Francek will call upon several people with their response.

Homework Review

Book of Acts, FALL 2021 — Homework, Session 1
Due August 26, 2021

NOTE: Beginning this year all students in this class will e-mail their assignments to the teacher (pastorfrancek@gmail.com)

Write Essay: 500-600 words, typed

- **Prompt:** Based on what you learned from this session, explain what one must do to be saved as taught by the Apostles.

Please review the writing rubric in your syllabus as a guide.

Directions:

- Write tight, but with depth.
- Follow APA guidelines for writing format and SBL for Scripture citations found in the ANLI writing manual.
 - Double space throughout your paper
 - Type using Times New Roman 12-point font
- The cover page title should include the page number and below paper identifier. Begin the identifier halfway down the paper. Double space it. Do not bold.

Acts Essay 1

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- Make sure you include a thesis statement and key points in your opening paragraph, and then break out each key point into subsequent paragraphs.

- A thesis statement articulates the subject (or claim) of your essay; and concisely summarizes the position you will take.
- The body of your essay will support your thesis statement and persuade the reader you interpreted the information correctly and presented a valid position
 - Add a closing paragraph that sums up your thesis statement.