

The  
Acts  
of the Apostles

Seven Rivers Presbyterian Church, Fall 2018

## CLASS SCHEDULE

September 5	Unit 1	<i>The Beginning</i> Acts 1 – 5
September 12	Unit 2	<i>Chosen</i> Acts 6 – 9
September 19	Unit 3	<i>Peter and the Gentiles</i> Acts 10 – 12
September 26	Unit 4	<i>The First Missionary Journey</i> Acts 13 – 15:35
October 3	Unit 5	<i>The Second Missionary Journey</i> Acts 15:36 – 18:22
October 10	Unit 6	<i>The Third Missionary Journey</i> Acts 18:23 – 21:16
October 17	Unit 7	<i>All Roads Lead to Rome</i> Acts 21:17 – 28

## **UNIT 1**

### **THE BEGINNING**

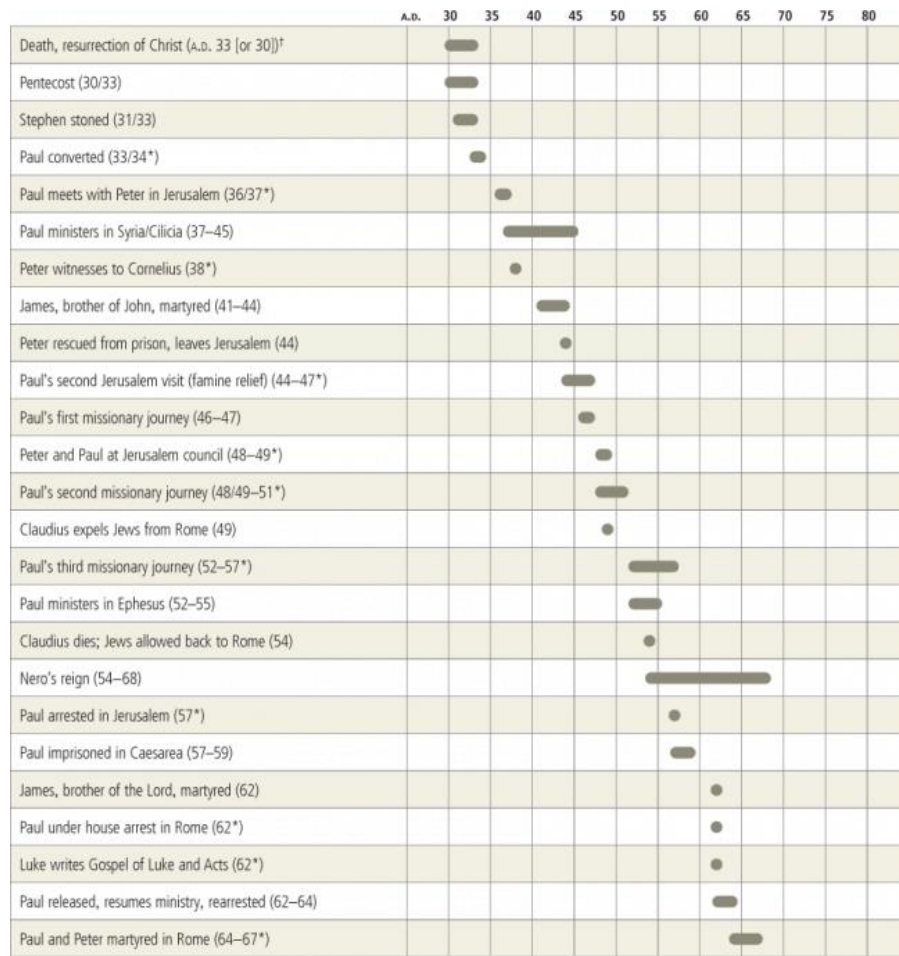
“Live in Acts, I exhort you; it is a tonic, the greatest tonic I know of in the realm of the Spirit.”

—Martyn Lloyd-Jones

## **I/ Introduction to the Book of Acts**

A. Luke and Theophilus

## B. The timeline of Acts



● denotes approximate date; — signifies either/or; <sup>†</sup> see *The Date of Jesus' Crucifixion*, pp. 1809–1810

## C. Outlining Acts

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (1:8)



D. Major themes

- i. The ongoing work of Jesus
- ii. The mission of the church
- iii. The Apostolic gospel
- iv. The importance of preaching

v. The history of the New Testament

vi. A bridge between Old Covenant promise and New covenant Fulfillment

E. Acts for today?

## **II/ Acts 1**

A. The promise of the Holy Spirit

B. The Ascension

C. Matthias chosen to replace Judas



### **III/ Acts 2**

A. The Coming of the Holy Spirit

B. Peter's Pentecost sermon

## IV/ Practice

<p>Acts 2:42–47</p> <p>[42] And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. [43] And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. [44] And all who believed were together and had all things in common. [45] And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. [46] And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, [47] praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. (ESV)</p>	<p>Acts 4:32–37</p> <p>[32] Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. [33] And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. [34] There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold [35] and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. [36] Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, [37] sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. (ESV)</p>
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## **V/ Acts 3 – 4**

A. The Healing of the lame beggar

B. Peter and John before the council

## **VI/ Acts 5**

A. Ananias and Sapphira

B. The Apostles arrested and freed