

# Abundant Grace Bible Fellowship

*And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, Ephesians 3:9*

## Acts Lesson 1

### Why Study Acts?    It's profitable!    It makes sense rightly divided

Acts is a key to understanding the "new testament"      Rom 1:7      "To all that be in Rome"

Acts explains the difference, and bridges the gap between the gospels and the Pauline epistles

Acts explains changing programs    Israel/Body    Earthly/Heavenly    kingdom/grace

Acts shows why the Messiah did not RETURN      Luke 19:1-27

Acts is widely misapplied and misinterpreted. (charismatic, Pentecostal, signs, water,)

### Popular and false Interpretation of Acts

Birth and growth of the ("New Testament") church.

Earliest and most pure form of the church, and we could do these things if we only had the faith.

### Facts about the book of Acts

It is a book of transition

It contains 2 gospels

Luke writes more about the ministry of Paul than the doctrine of Paul.

We don't go to Acts as a foundation for doctrines.

Contains the details about the fall of Israel. It does not describe the birth of the church!

### Structure of the book of Acts

Begins with the kingdom expected, ends with Israel blinded.

Begins with the Gentiles excluded, ends with the Gentiles equal.

**Chapters 1-8** Peter and the 12

**Chapters 9-12** Transition

**Chapters 13-28** Ministry of Paul.

### Luke's use of three's

3 rejections of Jesus by the disciples preaching

4:5-31, Threat      5:12-42, Imprisonment      7:1-60, Death

3 rejections of Jesus by Paul's preaching

13:44-52,      18:1-7,      28:17-29

3 accounts of Paul's conversion

9:1-16,      22:1-21,      26: 1-32

3 defenses by Paul

24: 1-27, Felix      25:1-12, Festus      25:13-32 Agrippa, Bernice