

The Book of Acts:

*The Birth, Growth, and
Expansion of the Church*

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The Old Rugged Cross

George Bennard

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and
best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

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O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary.

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To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
where His glory forever I'll share.

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The Church

- Jesus' Prediction of the Church:
 - Matt. 16:18 “I will build My Church”
- Jesus' Revelation of the Church to Paul:
 - Acts 9 The Body of Christ
- Paul's Description of the Church:
 - Eph. 3:2-13 The Mystery

The Book of Acts

- **Acts 1:8— “ . . . And you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”**
 - I. The Witness of the Church in Jerusalem (chaps. 1–7)
 - II. The Witness of the Church in Judea & Samaria (chaps. 8–12)
 - III. The Witness of the Church to the Ends of the Earth (chaps. 13–28)

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- *3 Significant Points:*

1. It is a sequel to his former book.
2. Jesus’ life & ministry would be continued through the apostles in the power of the Holy Spirit.
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The “Kingdom of God”

- **2 Phases/Aspects of God’s Kingdom:**

1. God’s Eternal Kingdom (Dan. 4:3, 34; Ps. 103:19).
2. Christ’s Messianic, Earthly Kingdom—Davidic Kingdom (2 Sam. 7:12; Matt. 3:2; 4:17)

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Israel's Annual Feasts (Lev. 23)

<u>Feast</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Season</u>
1. Passover	Nisan 14 (Mar/Apr)	Spring
2. Unleavened Bread	Nisan 15-21	Spring
3. Firstfruits	Nisan 16	Spring
4. Weeks (Pentecost)	50 days after Firstfruits	Spring
5. Trumpets	Tishri 1 (Sept/Oct)	Fall
6. Day of Atonement	Tishri 10	Fall
7. Tabernacles	Tishri 15-21	Fall

The Day of Pentecost in Acts 2

- **3 Phenomena Occurred:**

1. They heard a sound like the blowing of a violent wind.
2. They saw what seemed like “tongues of fire.”
3. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and were speaking in different languages.

Peter's Sermon on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2

- His 2 Major Points:
 1. God does pour forth His Spirit upon man.
 2. Anyone who will call upon the risen Lord through repentance would be saved.

Meaning of “Repentance”

- “Repentance”—n. (Gk. *metanoia*)
- “Repent”—v. (Gk. *metanoeō*)
- “Change of Mind & Heart”
- Change of mind & heart—*emphasis*
- Change of conduct—*result*
- Acts 2:38; 3:19; 5:31; 8:22; 11:18; 13:24; 17:30; 19:4; 20:21; 26:20