

The Book of Acts:

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

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- When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well with my soul,
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

- Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control, That
Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, And
hath shed His own blood for my soul.

- My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part but the whole, Is nailed to the
cross, and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord,
praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain: It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

- And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be
sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The
trump shall resound, and the Lord shall
descend, Even so, it is well with my soul.

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- 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)

The “Prologue” (Acts 1:1-5)

- **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.
3. The ministries of the apostles & the future disciples would be empowered by the Holy Spirit in witness of Christ.

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. *metanoēō*)
- “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

Biblical Miracles

- To authenticate God's Message & His Messengers
- 4 Major Periods in Biblical History where Clustering of Miracles could be witnessed:

1. Moses & Joshua	Age of Law	Redemption
2. Elijah & Elisha	Prophets	Idolatry
3. Jesus	Kingdom Age	Messiah
4. Apostles	Church Age	Messengers