

The Book of Acts:

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

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Be Thou My Vision

- **Verse 1**

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

- **Verse 2**

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

- **Verse 3**

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

- **Verse 4**

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's
Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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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)

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

Satan's Strategy to Defeat God's People in Acts 4–5

- *Satan's 2 strategic plan to defeat God's People:*
 1. External persecution from without
 2. Internal dissension from within