

**A Survey of the Book of Acts (Part 3c):**  
***The First Thirty Years of the Church of Jesus Christ***  
Associate Minister's Class

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INTRODUCTION: The Book of Acts, the only book of history in the New Testament, chronicles the most crucial three decades of church history. Acts presents several themes, which provide important lessons for the church today. They include:

- A pattern for church growth
- Church problems and solutions
- Missionary strategy
- The place of the Holy Spirit in church life, and the life of a believer
- An emphasis on evangelism

I. Review

- a. Careful study of Acts presents to us a clear picture of the ancient church, so that we can better understand the purpose, plan, and function of the modern church.
- b. We have divided Acts into three sections, in order that we might follow the “flow” of church growth in the first 30 years.
- c. These divisions are based on a logical order, founded on Jesus’ charge to the Apostles in Acts 1:8.
- d. Acts provides many important purposes.

II. Third Division: Acts 14-28 (“The Uttermost Part of the Earth”)

III. Paul’s 3<sup>RD</sup> Missionary Journey Ends (Acts 21)

- a. Paul Sails Back To Tyre
- b. Paul Warned Not To Go To Jerusalem
- c. Paul Is Arrested In The Temple

- IV. Paul's Speech Before The Crowd (Acts 22)
  - a. Paul's Pre-conversion Experience
  - b. Paul's Conversion Experience
  - c. Paul's Call To Minister To All Nations
  - d. Paul Is Rescued From The Mob
  
- V. Paul's Speech Before The Sanhedrin (Acts 23)
  - a. Ananias Commands Paul To Be Struck
  - b. Paul Recognizes The Makeup Of The Council
  - c. The Lord Encourages Paul
  
- VI. Paul On Trial Before Felix (Acts 24)
  - a. Tertulus' Case Against Paul
  - b. Paul's Defense Before Felix
  - c. Felix' Response To Paul