

Acts and the Apostle Paul

Course Syllabus

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Course Description: This course will examine the book of Acts, focusing on its description of the formation of the church, on the mission of the church, and on the apostles, especially Paul.

Course objectives:

- Learn an overview of early church history.
- Develop a healthy ecclesiology: a theology of the church.
- Gain an overview of the work of the Holy Spirit.
- Learn an outline of Paul's life and ministry.
- Gain a strong trust in Paul's theology.

Lecture Series:

- Lesson One: Introduction to Acts and the early Christian Movement
- Lesson Two: Ecclesiology and the book of Acts
- Lesson Three: The Holy Spirit and the early church
- Lesson Four: Introduction to the Apostle Peter
- Lesson Five: Overview of the life of Paul
- Lesson Six: The Theology of Paul

Course requirements:

- Watching the course lectures (there are 6 course lectures)
- Attendance in cohort discussions (there are 6 cohort discussion meetings)
- Read Everett Ferguson, *The New Testament Church* (4th edition) and Bobby Harrington, *Baptism According to Scripture*
- Memorize ten verses
- Pass final exam

Memory Verses

- Acts 1:8
- Acts 2:38-39
- Acts 14:23
- Romans 3:22-24
- Ephesians 1:13-14
- 2 Timothy 4:7

Digging Deeper--Recommended Readings:

- Bobby Harrington, *What is a Church*, ebook at Renew.org
- Alan Bandy, *An Illustrated Guide to the Apostle Paul*
- Robert E. Picirilli, *Paul the Apostle: Missionary, Martyr, Theologian*
- F. F. Bruce, *Paul: Apostle of the Heart Set Free*
- Everett Ferguson, *Backgrounds of Early Christianity*
- Everett Ferguson, *The Church of Christ: A Biblical Ecclesiology for Today*
- Bruce Shelley, *Church History in Plain Language*

- Kindle version of Philip Schaff, *Complete Works of the Church Fathers* (thirty-eight volumes for only \$2.99!!!)
- David Young, *The Holy Spirit: Filled, Empowered, and Led*
- Harrington, Twist, Young, *Baptism: What the Bible Teaches*
- Corey Trimble, *An Authentic Experience: Creating an Inviting Culture with Biblical Integrity*
- Bobby Harrington, *What is the Church and How Important is it?* Ebook at Renew.org

Digging Deeper--Recommended Videos:

- Philip Schaff, Church History, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xFIXMM1KWyc>
- Dr. Timothy George, Church History, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WhLKH9WkMyc&t=6068s>
- Vision Video movie on the life of Paul, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nBwcTDZRmkY>
- Christian Movies, The Book of Acts, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5bTIUrUw0M>