

## **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
- Read Everett Ferguson, *The New Testament Church* (4<sup>th</sup> 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>
- Baptism according to Scripture, <https://renew.org/baptism-according-to-scripture-a-discussion/>