

**Week 1 Day 1 Acts 1:1-26**

**I. Key Verse:**

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

**II. Your Favorite Verses:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. Crucial Points of the Truth:**

The apostles bear a living \_\_\_\_\_ of the resurrected and ascended Christ in life, differing from preachers who merely preach doctrines in letters. In His \_\_\_\_\_ Christ carried out His ministry on the earth by Himself, as recorded in the Gospels, to sow Himself as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom of God only in the Jewish land. In His \_\_\_\_\_ He would carry out His ministry in the heavens through these \_\_\_\_\_, in His resurrection \_\_\_\_\_ and with His ascension power and authority, as recorded in the Acts, to spread Himself as the development of the kingdom of God from \_\_\_\_\_, as a beginning, unto the \_\_\_\_\_ part of the earth . (See Acts 1:8 note 3)

**IV. Further Reading:** *Life-Study of Acts Msg. 1-5.*

**Note:**

**Week 1 Day 2 Acts 2:1-21**

**I. Key Verse:**

Acts 2:21 And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

**II. Your Favorite Verses:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. Crucial Points of the Truth:**

\_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord's name is vitally necessary in order for us, the believers in Christ, to participate in and \_\_\_\_\_ the all-inclusive \_\_\_\_\_ with all He has accomplished, attained, and obtained (1 Cor. 1:2). It is a major practice in God's New Testament economy that enables us to enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ Triune God for our full \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 10:10-13). The early believers practiced this everywhere (1 Cor. 1:2), and to the unbelievers, especially the \_\_\_\_\_, it became a popular \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's believers. (See Acts 2:21 note 1)

**IV. Further Reading:** *Life-Study of Acts Msg. 6-9.*

**Note:**

**Week 1 Day 3 Acts 2:22-41**

**I. Key Verse:**

Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, Repent and each one of you be baptized upon the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**II. Your Favorite Verses:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. Crucial Points of the Truth:**

Forgiveness of sins is based on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, which was accomplished through His death (Acts 10:43; Eph. 1:7; 1 Cor. 15:3); it is the initial and basic blessing of God's full \_\_\_\_\_. Based on it the blessing of God's full salvation goes forward and consummates in the receiving of the gift of the Holy \_\_\_\_\_.

The apostles preached and ministered \_\_\_\_\_, but when their hearers repented and believed in Him, they received this wonderful \_\_\_\_\_ of the Triune God. This implies that this Spirit is just the resurrected and \_\_\_\_\_ Christ Himself. The receiving of the Spirit here is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, in a general and all-inclusive sense. (See Acts 2:38 note 5, note 7)

**IV. Further Reading:** *Life-Study of Acts Msg. 10-11.*

**Note:**

**Week 1 Day 4 Acts 2:42-3:18**

**I. Key Verse:**

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the teaching and the fellowship of the apostles, in the breaking of bread and the prayers.

**II. Your Favorite Verses:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. Truth Quiz:**

1. What are the relationships between the teaching, the fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers?
2. Why was the believers "having all things common" a testimony rather than a practice of legality?
3. What is the significance of meeting from house to house?

Answer:

1. See Acts 2:42 note 1.
2. See Acts 2:44 note 1.
3. See Acts 2:46 note 3.

**IV. Further Reading:** *Life-Study of Acts Msg. 12-13.*

**Note:**

**Week 1 Day 5 Acts 3:19-4:31**

**I. Key Verse:**

Acts 3:19 Repent therefore and turn, that your sins may be wiped away,

Acts 3:20 So that seasons of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...

**II. Your Favorite Verses:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. Crucial Points of the Truth:**

The seasons of refreshing denote a time of \_\_\_\_\_ of all things with joy and rest, referring to the times of \_\_\_\_\_ of all things in Acts 3:21, which will be brought in by the coming of the \_\_\_\_\_ in His glory, as taught and prophesied by the Savior in Matt. 19:28 (see note 1 there). It seems that Peter's word skips over the \_\_\_\_\_ age and goes directly from the time of Pentecost to the millennium. This may indicate that Peter did not have a clear vision concerning the church age in God's New Testament \_\_\_\_\_. The entire New Testament reveals that before the seasons of refreshing, the \_\_\_\_\_ occupies a considerable period of time in God's dispensation. (See Acts 3:20 note 1)

**IV. Further Reading:** *Life-Study of Acts Msg. 13-16.*

**Note:**

**Week 1 Day 6 Acts 4:32-5:32**

**I. Key Verse:**

Acts 5:31 This One God has exalted to His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

**II. Your Favorite Verses:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. Crucial Points of the Truth:**

To give repentance and forgiveness of sins to God's \_\_\_\_\_ people requires Christ to be exalted as a ruling Leader and Savior. His \_\_\_\_\_ ruling causes and leads God's chosen people to \_\_\_\_\_, and His salvation, which is based on His redemption, affords them \_\_\_\_\_ of sins.

Repentance is for \_\_\_\_\_ of sins (Mark 1:4). On God's side, forgiveness of sins is based on Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 1:7); on man's side, forgiveness of sins is through man's \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ is the way and the condition for one to receive and enjoy the Spirit of God. (See Acts 5:31 note 3, note 4; 32 note 3)

**IV. Further Reading:** *Life-Study of Acts Msg. 17-18.*

**Note:**

## Week 1 Day 7 Acts 5:33-7:1

### I. Key Verse:

Acts 6:7 And the word of God grew, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem multiplied greatly; and a large number of the priests obeyed the faith.

### II. Your Favorite Verses: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. Truth Quiz:

1. Why is prayer needed for the ministry of the word?
2. What does “the word of God grew” indicate?
3. Why was Jesus accused of “destroying the temple”?

Answer:

1. See Acts 6:4 note 1.
2. See Acts 6:7 note 1.
3. See Acts 6:14 note 1.

### IV. Further Reading: *Life-Study of Acts Msg. 18-20.*

#### Note:

## CALLING UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD

Acts 2:21 speaks of calling on the name of the Lord. The name denotes the person. Jesus is the name of the Lord, and the Spirit is His Person. When we call, “Lord Jesus,” we receive the Spirit.

According to the context, 2:21 is the conclusion of the quotation of Joel’s prophecy, which began in verse 17. The fact that verse 21 is the conclusion of the quotation indicates that the issue of God’s pouring out of His Spirit upon all flesh is their salvation through calling on the name of the Lord. God’s outpouring of His Spirit is the application of the Lord’s salvation unto His chosen people. To be saved is to receive this Spirit, which is the blessing of the gospel in God’s New Testament economy (Gal. 3:2, 5, 14). This Spirit is the Lord Himself as the breath (John 20:22) and the living water (John 4:10, 14) to us. To breathe Him in as our breath and drink Him as our living water, we need to call upon Him. Lamentations 3:55-56 indicates that calling upon the Lord is breathing, and Isaiah 12:3 and 4 indicate that calling upon the Lord is drinking. After we believe in the Lord, we need to call upon Him so that we may not only be saved but also enjoy His riches (Rom. 10:12-13). His riches are enjoyed through our calling upon Him by exercising our spirit. This is the real worship of God (John 4:24).

When we preach the gospel and help others to be saved, we need to encourage them to call on the name of the Lord and say, “O Lord Jesus!” From experience we know that the stronger a person calls on the name of the Lord Jesus, the stronger will be his experience of salvation.

Let us suppose that someone who has heard the preaching of the gospel and who wants to be saved prays softly and weakly, “Lord Jesus, You love me, and You died for me. I believe in You.” It may be difficult to recognize that one who prays in such a weak manner is saved. However, suppose someone strongly calls on the name of the Lord Jesus and says, “Lord Jesus! O Lord Jesus! I’m a sinner, Lord, but You died for me! O Lord Jesus, I love You!” No doubt, anyone who prays like this, calling strongly on the name of the Lord, is saved. He may even be beside himself with joy in the Lord for His salvation. (*Life-Study of Acts, pp. 71-72*)