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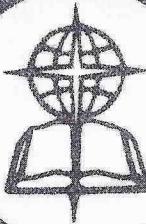
School of Christ Introduction

Jesus Christ gave a commandment, NOT AN OPTION, to all believers in Matthew 28:19, "GO YE THEREFORE, AND TEACH (DISCIPLE) ALL NATIONS ..." We are commanded to teach the nations! Many have misinterpreted this scripture to mean missionary outreaches and to win the lost through evangelism. In the Word of God there are no such things as missionary outreaches, but instead, there is Apostolic ministry to set divine order in the local assemblies and then bringing a strong emphasis on discipleship which builds the very CHARACTER of the Lord himself in us. Though we are all called to evangelize the lost, the Great Commission is actually a command to teach or disciple those who believe. The word 'teach' here means to disciple or to become a student, pupil, learner. In fact, this was Christ's great labor on this earth: to make disciples who could walk in the kingdom of God and reproduce the light of his life. This is the Biblical pattern that is shown in Acts. Wherever the apostles went they dedicated their lives to raising and preparing believers to become disciples in the kingdom of God. So must we if we are going to be obedient to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

Through our disobedience we have allowed the nations to do the teaching. Secular humanism and the unregenerate of the nations are training the Christians and our children. We have given ourselves to the secular educational system and have thus been taught and trained in humanism, communism, socialism, secularism, evolution, etc. Then we, the Christians, AFTER humanistic training, try to teach the authority of God's word and expect our lives to become holy and strong in HIM. This is point-counter-point procedure. How sad that we the children of the Kingdom of God have allowed the order of the world to guide us.

If we Christians would obey Jesus and teach all nations, we would not have to have the nations teach us. This is why Ephesians 4:11-12 says, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:" Romans 12 uses the phrase "... he that teacheth ...". These are not just Sunday School teachers. This refers to Christian teachers who will teach others about the kingdom of God and the Lord Jesus Christ. Why would Jesus give teachers to the body of Christ if they were not expected to teach? Luke 6:40 in the Amplified says that the pupil or student when he is completely trained, readjusted, and set to rights, will be like his teacher.

The School of Christ is a school of discipleship which is designed to train men and women to fulfill their ministry in the body of Christ. Our objective is to offer training in the spiritual, moral, and practical areas of ministry so as to equip each individual, enabling that person to minister Christ effectively while also having a successful personal life filled with the fruits of righteousness. The School of Christ is dedicated to raising and training men and women in kingdom principles so that they may become the Lord's disciples who bring forth fruit that remains. Our goal is to prepare and equip each individual so that can they can be sent into the world to represent their Lord and Master and fulfill their God-given callings. The Lord has promised that through discipleship he is able to *complete thoroughly*, to *repair* and to *adjust* us so that we shall be as our master (Lk 6:40).



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In the School of Christ we focus on the foundational principles that Jesus himself taught which so few, in these days, are being instructed in: the principles of discipleship, the growth process, the tree of life versus the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the doctrine of Christ, authority and order. The School of Christ lays a deep foundation in every believers life so that they may lay hold on eternal life (1Tim 6:12) and be founded on the rock of Jesus Christ that produces stability, character, faithfulness, and fruitfulness.

In many, many Bible Schools they learn and read every book BUT the Bible. They study men's views and opinions through their books and instead of getting the reproduced life of God they get, as Solomon warned us in reading many books only weariness to their flesh (Ecc 12:12). Rather let us cast what men say aside and learn the pure milk of the word, that we may grow thereby (1Pe 2:2). The best way to know the false is by studying the true.

In the School of Christ we have only one book: the Bible. It is our sincere desire and commitment that you will know the foundational principles of the oracles of God that will enable you to go on unto maturity, pleasing the Lord in every good work. For so many today have become filled with the doctrines of men, for they spend more time listening to what men say, than developing an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches through the Word.

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING can only take place with disciples of Jesus Christ. A disciple, simply defined, is one who accepts (as his own) and follows a doctrine (explicitly, the lifestyle) of a teacher. This school is only designed to teach those who are LEARNERS of the Word. Becoming a learner again is especially important in a time when "we've heard it all before and seen the best." You must now purpose in your heart to learn at the feet of Jesus, especially if you think you have already graduated. The true "School of Christ" is to sit at HIS feet and forever grow and learn HIS ways with great joy and excitement as we enter into the Kingdom of God and are transformed from glory to glory.

Learn the way Jesus trains for Leadership so that He may build His church which the gates of hell cannot prevail against. The CHARACTER of a man is the quality of his life. Ephesians 2:10 tells us we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works. Isn't it amazing how we automatically emphasize the good works and forget that we are HIS workmanship, HIS creation? Many of you have spent years in the ministry developing your gift, your calling. You may come with a successful teaching mantle or even work miracles. Possibly even with the mantle of a prophet or an apostle, but God sent you here this year so that He may work on HIS man or HIS woman. I challenge you to lay aside your gift, your position, humble yourself and let God TOUCH THE MAN, let God TOUCH THE WOMAN. He is interested in the vessel; that's why He sent Jesus to buy you back unto himself. Become HIS workmanship, created not in the image of the religious system, nor in the image of the theological system, but created in THE MAN-----THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

In Christ, your friends and servants,
the elders of New Covenant



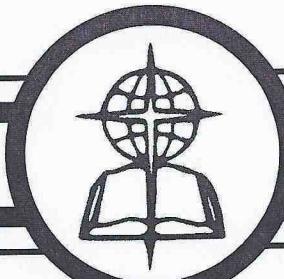
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School of Christ Objectives and Goals

The objectives of "The School of Christ" will be found in the actual ministry of the School. There is a strong purpose of building disciples, and there are goals that each student should desire to be fulfilled in their lives. One strong emphasis is based on developing the very character of God, while allowing your unique personality to shine through this character building process. Our purpose and desire is to:

1. To train and develop the heart of a servant.
2. To insure that each student has the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, achieves a higher level of Christian maturity, and attains a deeper commitment in their walk with the Lord.
3. To emphasize the individual worth and uniqueness of each person as God has made them; to properly respond to himself and to others; and to develop a spiritual confidence and their individual God-given talents and abilities.
4. To promote a spiritual discipline by training students to be reverent and submissive to authority; to be appreciative, consistent, and responsible in attitude, character and actions.
5. To help each student learn to live, honor and glorify the Lord by total submission and obedience to HIS WORD, as prescribed in the Holy Word of God, the Bible. To meet daily responsibilities which have been entrusted to us by the Lord, and that we fulfill the ministry we have been called to by HIM. (Col 4:17)
6. To train individuals to honor both God and country, that they as a nation might honor God and thus promote our nation on the basis that "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people". (Proverbs 14:34)

Finally, our goal is to effectively establish the Final Authority of the Word of God in our lives. What God said HE MEANS, and what God means HE SAYS. Thus, let us learn the words ---- FOR IT IS WRITTEN!!!



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CHOSEN—REDEEMED—SEALED--We see Paul here laying the foundation of Father, Son and Holy Spirit in this Epistle to the saints. This Epistle is for complete foundational order in their growing up into the Stature of Christ and learning to see the KINGDOM of God.

We are CHOSEN by the Father:

Ephes. 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: [4] According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

We are REDEEMED by the Son-Jesus Christ:

Ephes. 1:7

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

We are SEALED then by the Holy Spirit:

Ephes. 1:13

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

The CHOSEN, REDEEMED and SEALED work is what begins the process of HIS workmanship. Chosen—to select, choose, set apart by word. Redeemed—deliverance, ransom paid in full Sealed—a stamp, signet, preserved for security.

Once you are enlightened to this spiritually in wisdom and insight, the Holy Spirit process begins.

ENLIGHTENED that you may know what it is to be EMPOWERED so that you can be TRANSFORMED from the old man into the new, alive and not dead. You then DENY the flesh and old man to put on the new man to DISCOVER who you are in Christ to DELIVER your life unto God and others to see. In this change, you learn to REPRESENT Jesus Christ by obedience and by bringing REBUKE to anything not in line with the Holy Word of God or unfruitful in its darkness by exposing light. Anything NOT representing Jesus, is a substitute and deception. Thus you will SUFFER for this stand in life and obedience. Therefore, STAND in all things fully covered in the Armor of God.

This spiritual order will take you through the whole Epistle in finding your position IN Christ. Learn this and meditate upon this as you read and study this letter and your eyes WILL be enlightened as promised.



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Every Epistle is written for the Divine Character of Jesus Christ to be magnified in this earth. We must remember a judgment is coming of which all will answer to in life. Our goal: Endure to the end, obey HIS voice and live. Ephesians is a powerfully inspired work of the Holy Spirit in preparation for character to manifest.

All things written from the old were examples for us to learn and be warned of, rebuked in chastisement so we give attention to profound truth—I Cor. 10:11

This letter of Ephesians, truly begins in Chapter two once their eyes were enlightened again to spiritual order, thinking and purpose. Here the kingdom of darkness begins to get exposed and the disciples of Jesus Christ—The Church, begins to learn its purpose and function.

The following scriptures are worthy of note to read in conjunction with your study of Ephesians.

Luke 22:53 Acts 26:16-19 Romans 13:12 Eph.5:8-11 and 6:12 I Thess.5:4-5 I Pet.2:9

Once Chosen, Redeemed and Sealed, our salvation becomes the priority by which we make it into Eternal Life. The Holy Spirit seals us until the day of redemption. Remember until THE DAY. Please take note to Luke 10:25-37. Remember Jesus said, very few would enter into the Kingdom. For many will say to me in that day, LORD< LORD, but will depart from him—Mt. 7

*Let us see about wrath now and the spirit exposed that brings this: Eph.2:3 and 5:6
Rom.1:18 2:5-8 5:9 13:4 Col.3:5 Heb.10:23-39 11:27.*

May we by faith SEE the invisible! SEEING meant discerning, experiencing him who is invisible.

Proper study, meditation and prayer will birth spiritual life in you through the Bible. Ephesians is such a well balanced and powerful Epistle that it builds a complete order for you not to be denied. Build this letter in your heart and thoughts and your eyes WILL be enlightened to see the Kingdom order.



THE SPERMA OF GOD

Strong's: 4690 sperma, sper'mah; from 4687; something sown, i.e. seed (includ. The male "sperm"); by impl, offspring; spec. a remnant (fig. as if kept over for planting): issue, seed.

Lexicon: the "seed" from which anything springs. a.) prop. The seed i.e., the grain or kernel which contains within itself the germ of the future plant. Metaphorically; as seed, i.e. a residue, or a few survivors reserved as the germ of a new race. The product of this semen, seed, children, offspring, progeny, race

This word is used 44 times in the New Testament. It is always in the context of life, procreation and growth. In many references, Jesus uses it to discuss the Kingdom of God and our place within it for growing by the process of the New Birth, which is a spiritual birth. It is used by Paul in many places to show the lineage of being born of God.

I. EACH SEED PRODUCES:

- A. Genesis 1:11-12 *The Laws of Nature*
- B. Genesis 1:21-22
- C. Genesis 1:24-31

II. TWO KINGDOMS---TWO SEEDS (SATANS---GODS)

- A. Genesis 3:15
- B. *Children of the Flesh*—1st Born nature of man
 - 1. Cain—Ishmael—Esau—You and I. Gen. 4, 16, 25



Note: In Genesis 25:23 is it said, "Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels, and the one people shall be stronger than the other and the elder shall serve the younger. Your first-born nature, which is the natural man will serve the younger which is the Born-Again, spiritual man. Thus---"verily, verily I say unto you, unless a man be Born-Again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God" John 3:3

Please see: Mt.13:36-42 Jn. 8:40-45 I Jn.3:7-13 4:1-8

SEED—SPERMA

Mt.13:24-31, 37-38 Mk.4:31 Rom.9:7-8 Gal.3:16, 19, 29 I Jn.3:9

Spiritual Conception:

- A. Luke 1:34-38 Mary by the Holy Spirit
- B. John 3:4-6 You and I
- C. Gal. 4:18-19 Christ “formed” in you.

Milk needed:

A. Isaiah 28:9-10 Hebrews 5:8-6:2 I Peter 1:23-2:2

*As it is in the Natural, so shall it be in the spiritual—I Cor.15:42-49
Conception, growth in womb, birth, darkness into light, blood, water, milk, meat.*

After the New Birth, the “SPERMA OF GOD” procreates Christ in our womb and by blood (forgiveness and remission of sin) and water (cleansed) we now grow in respect to our salvation—I Pet.2:2. The life of the seed within, produces after its own kind, that we can now be found to be righteous and will be like him---I Jn.3:1-2

*Other Scriptures of note: Acts 3:25, 7:5-6 13:23 Romans 1:3, 4:13, 16, 18 9:7-8, 29
Romans 11:1 I Cor.15:38 II Cor.9:10, 11:22 Gal.3:16,19,29
II Tim.2:8 Heb.2:16, 11:11, 18 I Jn.3:9 Rev.12:17*

Enjoy your study!!



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The Making of a Leader

Mt. 20:25; Mt. 16:18

The Man – The Vessel – The Tabernacle

2 Tim. 2:19-21

- I. **Unregenerate--> Regenerate --> Disciple --> Servant --> Leader**
a. Discipleship is the missing link in Christianity today.

- II. I Will Build My Church – Mt. 16:18

Gospels	Acts	Epistles
Church 3	Church 22	Church 88
Disciple 238	Disciple 31	Disciple 0

- III. **For many are called but few are chosen** – Matt. 22:14
a. Called – (2822G): Kletos – invited, appointed, a saint
b. Chosen – (1588G): Eklektos – select; by impl. favorite

1. Called, Chosen, Faithful – Rev. 17:14

- IV. **Four Groups called out:**

- a. **5000: The multitudes** – Mt. 14:13-21; Mk. 6:32-44 (PS 23); Lk. 9:10-17
1. They followed Jesus for something. – Lk. 17:11
2. The multitudes don't have a desire to learn, just to have their need met. Mt. 13: 34-36.
3. Our Father knows what our need is. We do not have to pray or seek after our need, the Father, provides for his children. Mt. 6:9, 27-34.
4. The multitudes come and go. They are in and out of fellowship with their Master. They come to seek Jesus when it pleases them.

- b. **70: The Seventy** – Lk. 10:1,17-20 (Mt. 7:21-23)

- Rejoiced in their works of power
1. They had great joy in their works.
2. Look for the outward manifestation: signs and wonders:
3. Mt. 16: 1-4 – Wicked and Adulterous generation seeks after a sign.
4. Jn. 4:48 – Unless you see signs you won't believe
5. Mt. 24:24 – False Christ's/Prophets shall show great signs and wonders to deceive the very elect.



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a. 12: The Twelve

1. Called and Sent: Mt. 10:1; Lk 9:1-6
2. Jesus called His disciples, but "chose" his 12 – Lk. 6:13
3. Ordained to be with Him (Jesus) – Mk. 3:13,14
4. Obeyed what Jesus asked (Under His Authority) – Mt. 21:1-7; Lk. 9:15; Mt. 26:19.

b. 3: The Three (Peter, James, and John)

1. The raising of Jairus' daughter – Mk. 5:37
2. The Mount of Transfiguration – Mt. 17:1
3. Gethsemane – Mt. 26:36,37
4. The 3 were not easily offended – Heb 12:5-11
 - a. Peter rebuked for thinking like "men" – Mt. 16:21-23
 - b. Peter rebuked by the Father God – Mt. 17:1-9
 - c. James & John rebuked for having a wrong spirit – Lk. 9:44-56
 - d. The 3 rebuked for not praying with Jesus – Mt. 26:45,46
 - e. Peter defending Jesus (again) – Jn. 18:1, 10, 11 (Mt. 16:21-23)
 - f. Peter rebuked for not understanding – Mt. 15:15 (1yr)
 - g. Peter rebuked for wanting to know how John would die
Jn. 21:15-22
 - h. Those who are not offended
 - i. Blessed – Mt. 11:6 (Lu. 7:23)
 - j. Stability – Mk. 4:17
 - k. Great Peace - Ps. 119:165
- l. Those who were offended: Pharisees - Mt. 15:12
- m. Jesus rebukes the Pharisees in a parable and they go about to "lay hands" on him. – Mt. 21:42-46, Lk. 20:17-19
- n. Religious men who say they have no sin, picked up stones to stone Jesus – Jn. 8:31-59



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a. 1 : The One – John the beloved

1. John at the foot of the cross - Jn. 19:25,26
2. John believed first, of his disciples, in His resurrection, while Peter still "wondered" at what had happened. Jn. 20:1-8 (Lu. 24:1-12).
3. John saw it was the Lord who called to them in their boats first after the resurrection. Jn. 21:7
4. John leaned on the bosom of Jesus, hearing His heart beat Mt. 13:23

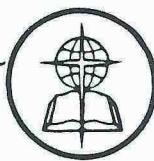
We can see that how much we allow the Lord to correct us and to have access to the hidden places in our heart, will determine how close we will follow the Lord. Do we allow the Lord to have access to every part of our heart, to deal with us with the small things as well as the major issues of our heart.

Mark 4:22

For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

Hebrews 4:12-13

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. [13] Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.



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THE MAKING OF A LEADER

Mt 20:25-28; Mt 16:18

The Man - The Vessel - The Tabernacle
2Tim. 2:19-21

I. I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH -- Mt. 16:18

<u>Gospels</u>	<u>Acts</u>	<u>Epistles</u>
Church - 3	Church - 22	Church - 88
Disciple - 238	Disciple - 31	Disciple - 0

II. MAKE DISCIPLES -- Mt. 28:19,20 (Amplified)

- A. Four Groups "Called Out" -- Lk 14:25-33
 - 1. The three - Mt 22:14
 - 2. The twelve - Mt 22:14
 - 3. The Seventy - Mt 22:14
 - 4. The Five Thousand - Mt 22:14

III. MEETING THE NINE REQUIREMENTS -- Lk 14:25-33

- A. IF - Anything or Anyone Comes FIRST: vs. 26
- B. IF - He Prefers His Own Life: vs. 26
- C. IF - He Does not Bear His Own Cross: vs. 27
- D. IF - He Does Not Follow Jesus: vs. 27
- E. IF - He Doesn't Count the Cost (Not Assets): vs. 28
- F. IF - He Does Not Forsake All: vs. 33
- G. IF - He Does Not Continue In the Word: Jn 8:31
- H. IF - He Does Not Love One Another: Jn 13:35
- I. IF - He Does Not Bear Fruit: Jn 15:7,8

IV. MANY OF THE DISCIPLES TURN BACK -- Jn 6:48-68

- A. Partakers of His Life - Zoe
- B. No Longer I - Gal 2:20
- C. In Him I Live - Move - Have My Being -- Acts 17:28

V. BROKEN BREAD AND POURED OUT WINE -- Mk 6:34-44

- A. Stony Heart & Heart of Flesh - Eze 36:26
- B. Preparation & Cultivation - Jer 4:3; Pro 16:1-3
- C. Break Up Fallow Ground - Hos 10:12
 - 1. Brokenness - Ps 34:18; Ps 51:10,17; Isa 57:15; Mt 21:44
Strength of Spirit and Weakness of Soul -- "GETHSEMANE"



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THE MAKING OF A LEADER "Growth and Maturity"

I. FIVE STAGES OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

- A. **Nepios** (nay'-pee-os) no speech
 - 1. Gal 4:1-3: under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the Father.
 - 2. 1Cor 13:11 - spake as a child - understood as a child - thought as a child
- B. **Paidion** (pahee-dee'-on) the "potty" stage
 - 1. 1Jn 2:13: know their Father (acquaintance)
 - 2. 1Jn 2:18: know the antichrist - know the times coming to knowledge (accountable)
- C. **Teknon** (tek'-non) teenage - youth
 - 1. Jn 1:12: the sons of God; rights & privileges (responsibility)
 - 2. Ro 8:16-21: heirs and equal heirs; sharing benefits and responsibility
- D. **Huios** (hwee-os') the fully matured (trustworthy)
 - 1. Ro 8:19: reliable, dependable, faithful, sober
 - 2. Gal 4:6: no longer servants (under tutors & governors)
 - 3. Heb 12:5-13: the change of chastisement
 - a. despise not chastening
 - b. nor faint when rebuked
 - c. endure chastisement
 - 1) chasten him early: Pro 13:24
 - 2) chasten while there is hope: Pro 19:18
 - 3) stripes cleanses the inward parts: Pro 20:30
 - 4) train up a child: Pro 22:6
 - 5) foolishness bound in the heart of a child: Pro 22:15
 - 6) withhold not correction: Pro 23:13
 - 7) child left to himself: Pro 29:15
 - 8) correct thy son for rest: Pro 29:17
 - 9) rod for the fool's back: Pro 26:3
- E. **Pater** (pat/ayr') father, elder
 - 1. 1Jn 2:14: the elder, father, wise and gifted



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THE PRICE OF DISCIPLESHIP

Foundation: Lk 14:28-30; Phil 2:1-9

I. DISCIPLESHIP COSTS YOU YOUR POSITION

- A. Phil 2:6 - He was deity
- B. Phil 3:1-8 - Paul lost his position before the eyes of the scholars
- C. Lk 19:1-9 - Zacchaeus esteemed Jesus more than His position
- D. Lk 5:27 - Levi - He rose up (went higher)

II. DISCIPLESHIP COSTS YOU YOUR REPUTATION

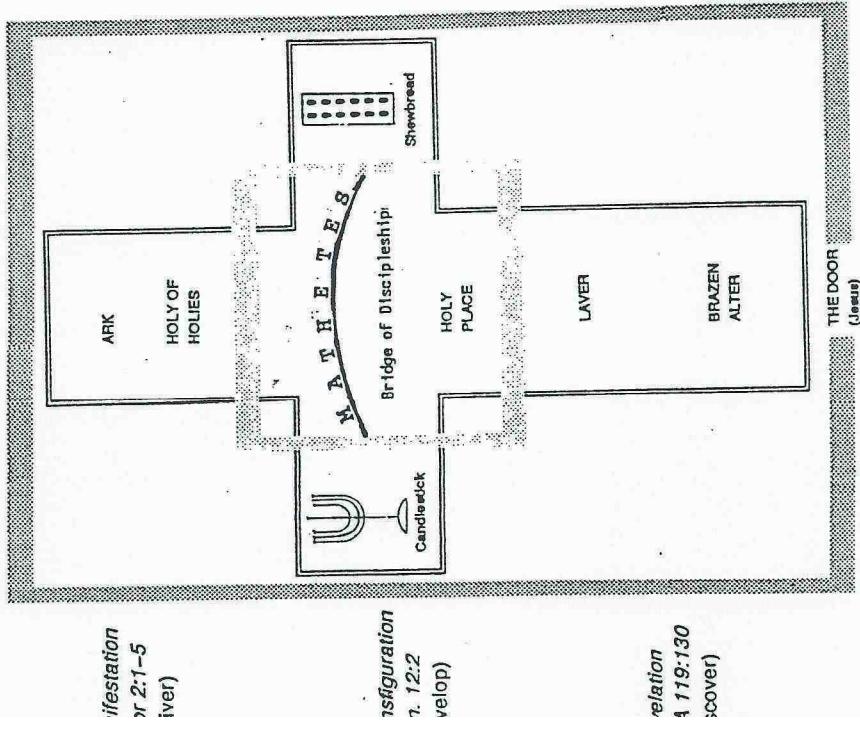
- A. Phil 2:7 - He was no one important by worldly standards
- B. Mt 5:10-12 - Persecution becomes your lot
- C. 2Sam 6:20-22 - David was despised in his wife's eyes
- D. 1Cor 1:18-31 - base, foolish, despised
- E. 1Cor 4:6-10 - A disciple is despised

III. DISCIPLESHIP COSTS YOU - YOUR LIFE

- A. Phil 2:8 - obedient to death
- B. Lk 14:27 -33
 - 1. Prefer your life
 - 2. Bear your cross
- C. Mt 16:25 - lose your life
- D. Gal 2:20 - No longer I live, but Christ
- E. Jn 3:30 - He must increase

THE GROWING PROCESS
1 Ptr. 2:2

<u>GENESIS 1 & 2</u>	<u>MARK 4:20</u>	<u>MARK 4:28</u>	<u>JOHN 14:6</u>	<u>ROMANS 12:2</u>	<u>ACTS 12:24 & 19:20</u>	<u>HEB 4:12</u>	<u>1 PTR 1:7</u>	<u>LEV 23</u>
Spirit	100	Full Corn	Life	Perfect	Prevails	Thoughts & Intentions	Glory	Tabernacle





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The ACTS OF THE APOSTLES is truly one of the most powerful and wonderful books in the New Testament for a child of God to study and learn. From this book you will learn history, order, purpose and the pattern. This book truly becomes the bridge from the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ as the WORD made flesh in our midst, to the ascension to the right hand of the Father in Heaven. This book truly builds the foundation of what was patterned to plant and build the Kingdom of God in the earth.

As Jesus said in John 10:7-9, "I am the DOOR of the sheep; IF any man enter in he shall be saved". The Book of Acts IS this very door. From the final words spoken by Jesus Christ while his feet stood upon this earth, to the ascension, we will see the life changing transformation of all those who purposed to ENTER into the Kingdom of God. Having this foundation laid, also exposes to us the deception, lies and order MAN has set by "Christianity" and false doctrine.

The entry through this door could ONLY come by the doorkeeper opening to us. This is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2, the Day of Pentacost. From that moment in time, until this very hour in which we live, the work of the Holy Spirit and the ACTS of the Apostles of God still shines forth as the beacon of light to lead us down the righteous and truthful path of Salvation. The very life of Jesus Christ will be manifest and the very words he prophesied shall come to pass in this Historical book that completes the first 30 years of the Kingdom preaching. This book teaches us separation from the world, death to self, persecution and tribulation and affliction to the righteous. It takes us down the very path of martyrdom of those who preceeded us in life to bring this very life to us today. The very pattern shall be set, the steadfast purpose that we must build upon and the experiences that our brethren went through as they also were sent forth as Ambassadors for Christ.

In regards to its authorship, it was certainly the work of Luke, the "beloved physician" (Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1) although the writer nowhere makes mention of himself by name. Luke again addresses this work to Theophilus (friend of God). In determining Luke as the author, we can find certain recorded words of evidence which truly would back up this thought. The first piece of evidence comes in Luke 1:1-4; There, the writer states he was not an eyewitness to the ministry of Jesus. This fact eliminates any of the eleven disciples as candidates for authorship. Next, the "we" passages in Acts also offer a major, internal clue to the identity of the book's author. During the account of Paul's missionary journeys, the author occasionally changes his writing order from that of a third person observer to a first person participant. In Acts 16:10-17; Acts 20:5-16; Acts 21:1-18; and Acts 27:1-28:16, the author speaks of "we" and "us" in relationship to Paul's travels. Prior to this it was always "they" and "them". The language implies Luke himself traveled with Paul. These "we" sections include the time when Paul was imprisoned at Rome. From this, some have determined Paul wrote Philemon, Colossians, First Timothy, Second Timothy and Titus during his house arrest in that city. By searching those letters for references to Paul's fellow workers, they compiled a list of companions who could



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have written Luke and Acts. In 2 Tim. 4:11, Paul says, "Only Luke is with me," making him the most likely person to have written Luke-Acts.

The end of Luke intentionally overlaps with the beginning of Acts to provide continuity between the two volumes. Amazingly, the size of Luke and Acts combined makes Luke as the author of these two books, the chief contributor to the New Testament, having written twenty-five percent of all Scripture from the Kingdom era. Taken as a whole, Luke and Acts are a larger work than the combined letters of Paul.

Thus he wrote a great portion of that history from personal observation. For anything recorded by Luke from beyond his own experience he had the instruction of Paul. If, as is very probable, 2 Timothy was written during Paul's second imprisonment at Rome, Luke was with him then as his faithful companion to the last (2 Tim. 4:11). As to any final information on the life of Luke or what happened to him after Paul's death, we have no certain information here recorded.

The foundation of Luke's Gospel was to describe the character and work of Jesus Christ as seen in his humanity till he was taken up from his disciples into heaven; and of the Acts, as its sequel, to give an illustration of the power and working of the gospel when preached among all nations, "beginning at Jerusalem." After all, this was the final command of Jesus in Mt.28 and in Acts 1:8. The Gospel of Luke brings forth the most detailed beginning of what preceded the birth of The WORD made flesh and named Jesus. It gives in great detail the working preparation of John the Baptist--to the birth of Jesus--to his consecration--to his youthful experience in the temple at age 12 and his earthly maturity.

The opening sentences of the Book of Acts are just an expansion and an explanation of the closing words of those recorded in Luke 24. In this book we have just a continuation of the history of the church after Christ's ascension and the historical order and pattern by which it was built. It is only a book of beginnings, a history of the founding of churches (those people called out from the world into HIS glorious Kingdom), the initial steps in the formation of the Discipleship Order to usher in the Kingdom of God in the different places visited by the apostles. This wonderful order set before us is actually RECORDED HISTORY of times and places and events and people that men like Peter, James, John and Paul were sent out to reach in a dying world.

The time of the writing of the Book of Acts may be gathered from the fact that the 28th chapter takes us to the close of the second year of Paul's first imprisonment at Rome. It could not therefore have been written earlier than A.D. 60 or 61, nor later than about the end of A.D. 62. Paul was probably put to death during his second imprisonment, around A.D. 62 or 64. The place where the book was written was probably from Rome, to which Luke accompanied Paul.



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The key to the contents of the book is listening to the final words spoken by Jesus as he physically stood upon this earth in Acts 1:8, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." After referring to what had been recorded in a "former treatise" of the sayings and doings of Jesus Christ before his ascension, Luke proceeds to give an account of the order set AFTER the ascension takes place. Thus, when comparing Luke 24 with Acts 1, we see a very detailed picture of the Ascension and all that was spoken. We can actually read in the Book of Acts what were the FINAL words spoken by the Son of God as he physically stood on this earth. As this most wonderful and powerful journey now begins in a Born-Again believers life, we will learn about the pattern set forth by Apostolic Order to be SENT to plant and build the Kingdom of God over the world during a period of about thirty years. The record begins with Pentecost, around (A.D. 30) and ends with Paul's first imprisonment (A.D. 60 or 62).

There are many wonderful parallels with the Book of Acts and the Gospel of Matthew. The Gospel of Matthew expounds upon the KING of a Kingdom in the Life of Jesus Christ. The Book of Acts is the actual building now of that Kingdom after the Blood was shed to purchase a called out people to become known as "The Church". As Matthew has 28 chapters, Acts has 28 chapters. As Matthew addressed the life of THE Apostle, Jesus Christ, to the Nation of the Jews in chapters 1-12, Acts 1-12 builds off of the Apostles of God reaching out to the Jews from Jerusalem, to Judea to Samaria. When Jesus walked out of the House of Israel and turned his order toward the Gentiles in Parables in Matthew 13-28, Acts 13-28 is the Apostles of God being sent to the Gentile nations now to preach the Gospel to ALL. Praise God.

Acts 1-12 deals mainly with the early church in the first 12-15 years of history showing its foundational order from Jerusalem to Antioch. Acts 13-28 deals with the last frontier of Acts going from Antioch to Rome in the latter 15 years or so. Of interesting note is that during this whole book of Acts, we never read about or have mention made of the Epistles Paul wrote to so many, YET throughout Acts we learn of his encounters in many of these cities by which he one day did write. When one reads Ephesians or Philippians or Thessalonians, you can read in the Book of Acts what encounters Paul had in these cities and why his letters were written.

The Book is built on the foundation of the pattern used to build the Church. The Epistles build the character of those who are the church in the earth. The foundation of TRUE Authority is beautifully laid forth in systematic order where a plurality of Elders always fed the flock and took oversight to their lives through Bishop ministry. For this cause, one can come to know that Apostles and Prophets and Evangelists and Shepherds and Teachers are ONLY an anointing and mantles that rested upon ELDERS anointed and prepared. Never though were men titled! Thus, no such calling, title, authority or purpose does exist for any man who calls himself a Senior Pastor or allows others to call them by title. These men have no Kingdom revelation, but rather doctrines of men in Christianity. May we all rejoice in this study we are about to endeavor into. God bless you all.

ADV05	Advent Christian Church	BAP20	Baptist Missionary Assoc. of America	ADV10	Church of God General Conference	EPI10	Episcopal Church
ADV99	Adventists - Other	BAP99	Baptist - Other	HOL30	Church of God Holiness	EPI99	Episcopal - Other
MET05	African Methodist Episcopal Church	FUN05	Berean Fundamental Churches	PEN15	Church of God in Christ	MET25	Evangelical Congregational Church
MET10	African Methodist Episcopal Zion	BRE15	Brethren in Christ	MEN05	Church of God in Christ Mennonite	EVA10	Evangelical Covenant Church
BAP05	American Baptist Churches	BRE99	Brethren - Other	PEN18	Church of God - Mountain Assembly	EVA15	Evangelical Free Church
15	American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox	CAN99	Canada - Other	PEN21	Church of God of Prophecy	LUT20	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Amerik
0	Amish (Mennonite)	CAT99	Catholic - Other	PEN72	Church of God - Other	LUT15	Evangelical Lutheran Synod
EPI05	Anglican Episcopal of N. America	CHR10	Christian & Churches of Christ	BRE10	Church of the Brethren	MET30	Evangelical Methodist Church
ORT10	Antiochian Orthodox Christian	HOL10	Christian & Missionary Alliance	PEN24	Church of the Living God	EVA99	Evangelical - Other
HOL05	Apostolic Christian	CHR05	Christian Church (DOC)	LUT10	Church of the Lutheran Brethren	PRE40	Evangelical Presbyterian Church
PEN03	Apostolic Churches	MET15	Christian Methodist Episcopal	HOL35	Church of the Nazarene	PEN30	Faith Christian Fellowship
PEN06	Apostolic Overcoming Holy Church	CHR99	Christian - Other	PEN27	Church on the Rock	BRE05	Fellowship of Grace Brethren
ORT15	Armenian Apostolic Church	PRE10	Christian Reformed Church	EVA05	Community Churches	PEN33	Fire-Baptized Holiness Church
PEN09	Assemblies of God	HOL15	Church of Christ Holiness	PRE25	Congregational Christian Churches	HOL40	Free Methodist Church of N. America
LUT05	Assoc. of Free Congregations	HOL20	Church of Christ in Christian Union	MET20	Congregational Methodist	BAP35	Free Will Baptists
BAP45	Assoc. of General Baptists	CHR15	Church of Christ (Non-instrumental)	JEW05	Conservative	EVA20	Friends (Quakers)
PRE05	Assoc. Reformed Presbyterian	HOL25	Church of God (Anderson, IN)	BAP30	Conservation Baptist Assoc.	PEN36	Full Gospel Churches
BAP15	Baptist Bible Fellowship	PEN12	Church of God (Cleveland, TN)	PRE30	Conservative Congregational Churches	FUN99	Fundamental - Other
BAP10	Baptist General Conference	PRE15	Churches of God (Findlay, OH)	PRE35	Cumberland Presbyterian Church	BAP40	General Assoc. of Regular Baptists

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ORT20	Greek Orthodox Churches	EVA25	Moravian Church in America	JEW15	Reformed - Jewish	CAN10	United Baptist of Canada
HOL99	Holiness - Other	BAP55	National Baptists	PRE65	Reformed Church in America	BRE20	United Brethren in Christ
BAP25	Independent Baptist Churches	PEN48	Open Bible Standard Churches	CAN05	Reformed Church of Canada	CAN15	United Church of Canada
FUN10	Independent Bible Churches	JEW10	Orthodox - Jewish	ERI15	Reformed Episcopal Church	CHR20	United Church of Christ
FUN15	Independent Fundamental Churches	ORT25	Orthodox Church in America	CAT15	Roman Catholic Church	PEN60	United House of Prayer
PEN39	International Foursquare Gospel	ORT99	Orthodox - Other	HOL55	Salvation Army	MET45	United Methodist Church
PEN42	Int'l Pentecostal Church of Christ	PRE45	Orthodox Presbyterian Church	ADV15	Seventh Day Adventists	PEN63	United Pentecostal Church
PEN54	Int'l Pentecostal Holiness Church	PEN51	Pentecostal Church of God	BAP70	Seventh Day Baptist General Conf.	JEW25	United Synagogue of America - Jewish
JEW99	Jewish - Other	PEN99	Pentecostal - Other	ADV20	Seventh Day Church of God	EVA30	United/Union Churches
15	Liberal Catholic Churches	HOL50	Pillar of Fire	BAP75	Southern Baptist Convention	PEN66	Vineyard Churches
Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod	FUN20	Plymouth Brethren	MET40	Southern Methodist Church	HOL65	Wesleyan Church	
LUT99	Lutheran - Other	CAT10	Polish National Catholic Church	BAP80	Southwide Baptist Fellowship	LUT30	Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran
PEN45	Maranatha Christian Churches	PRE50	Presbyterian Church in America	PRE20	The Congregational Church	PEN69	Word Churches
MEN15	Mennonite Church	PRE55	Presbyterian Church (USA)	JEW20	Traditional - Jewish	BAP90	World Baptist Fellowship
MEN99	Mennonite - Other	PRE99	Presbyterian/Reformed - Other	HOL60	Triumph the Church/Kingdom of God		
MET99	Methodist - Other	BAP60	Primitive Baptists	ORT30	Ukrainian Orthodox Churches		
OTH10	Metropolitan Community Churches	MET35	Primitive Methodist Church	OTH99	Unclassified - Other		
OTH15	Military Chapels	BAP65	Progressive National Baptists	PEN57	Union of Messianic Jewish Congregation		

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JN.14:6 - I AM "The Way" "The TRUTH" "The LIFE"

JN.10:1-9 - JAM "The DOOR" -

I COR.1:10 BE of SAME MIND; SAME SPEECH

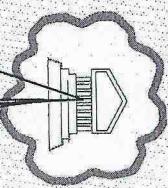
IN THE DOCTRINE (singular) when speaking to Jesus Christ
Bible DOCTRINES (plural) MAN

I & II TIMOTHY & TITUS - 16 Times "Sound Doctrine" WARNED to Keep

1 Tim. 4 - Last days Men would no longer endure Sound Doctrine

The Spirit World

The Anointed
Cherub
(Ez 28:14)



"Since Christ's Resurrection.
(Phil 1:23)

"The Heavenly Places"

(Eph 6:11-18)

Paradise Since Christ's Resurrection.
(Phil 1:23)

"Christ at the right hand of God"
(Mark 16:19 / Rom 8:34)

3rd Heaven

"Judgment Seat of Christ"
(Rom 14:10, 2Cor 5:10)

"Great White Throne"
(Rev 20:11-15)

Judgment of the

of the

New Jerusalem
(Rev 21:1)

to the New

Jerusalem

(Rev 21:1)

the church

going

Bema

"The Harvest"

Christ meeting Church in the air.
(1 Thes 4:17)

"The Gleanings"

Translated Saints
(1 Thes 4:13-18)
1st Resurrection Saints

Tribulation saints

"The Tares"

The "Second" resurrection - The "Wicked" dead

Fallen angels to judgment

The Sinner's Doom

"The New Heavens"

The New Earth
(Rev 21:1-2)

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(Mt 9:43-47; Mar 5:31-32)

(2 Kg 23:10) (Jer 19:5-6, 11-14)

Molech. (Lev 18:21 / 20:3-5)

(Is 14:13-14)

THE ORIGINAL EARTH
(Gen 1:1)



Elden

Satan on the way to tempt Adam and Eve

The Grave
(Queber)

Sons of God
(Gen 6:1-5)

The Flood

Paul Ascended to
Paradise (2 Cor 12:1-4)

Jesus Descended to
Paradise (Lk 23:43)

Paradise

The above of the Souls of
the "Righteous Dead" until
Christ's resurrection
It is now empty.

Hell (Hades)

The abode of
the souls of the
Wicked Dead

Wicked souls going
for their bodies

Satan loosed

(Rev 20:7-10)

Beast and
False Prophet

(Rev 19:20)

Satan's
Doom

The Tribulation Period

1000 years

Satan bound for

1000 years

The Earth Restore

Millennium

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"The First Fruits"

(Mtt 27:51-53)

The first fruits of the resurrection

(Eph 4:8-10 / Ps 68:18 / Rev 1:18)

Resurrection of
The Saints

Resurrection of
The Wicked

Judgement of
The Wicked or
Works of Satan

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The Under World

(Mit 25:41 / Rev 19:2 / 20:10-14-15)

Tartarus
(Rev 9:1-2)

Prison of the Fallen Angels

Abyss
(Rev 20:1-3)

Bottomless Pit
(Phil 2:9-10 /
Rev 5:13 /
Eph 4:8-9)

The final Hell

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