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FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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# AN OVERVIEW OF ACTS

with Pastor Jesse Gistand

*“Jesus Christ the same yesterday,  
and today, and for ever.”*

Hebrews 13:8



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## THE FIRE IN THE CHURCH: ACTS 2: 1-4

### Symbols of the Spirit's mission

WIND	FIRE	TONGUES
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**The primary symbol of His *nature* in covenant:**

Heb 13:28-29/Deut 4:12/Gen 15:17

God reveals Himself to His covenant people as fire. Ex 3:2/Isa 33:14

**The sign of His *presence*:** Ex 19:18/Gen 15:17/Ex 14:24/Lev 9:24/  
**Ex 40:38**

**The Power of God:** 1 Kg 18:24; 20:9/Mt 3:11/**Acts 10:38** (evangelical)

**The Revelation of God:** Deut 4:12, 33, 36/John 6:63/Jer 23:29

(The Unity of all three in fire) F. S. H. — (prophetic witness) Ps 104:4

**The Guidance of God:** Ex 13:21-22; 9:15-16/Deut 1:30-33/John 16:13

He abode upon the tabernacle = ? \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Mt 3:16/Acts 2:3/Ps 119:105

**The passion of God:** "JEALOUSY" Deut 4:24; 12:1-3/2 Cor 10:5/1 Kgs 19:10/Deut 9:3; 32:32

**The purity of God:** Isa 1:7/4:4-5/Jer 5:14; 7:20/Luke 3:9, 17; 2:49/  
John 15:6

**The eschatological purging of God:** Luke 3:9,17; 12:49/2 Thess 1:8/  
2 Pet 3:7, 12/Jude 7/Rev 20:9, 10, 14, 15; 21:8 "The final solution"

## THE FORMATION of the Church:

A Christo-centric process repeating the calling confirmation and character of Christ ministry himself.

- a. Baptism – Acts 2:41/Mt 3:10-17  
(a response to the message of the gospel)
- b. Teaching obedience to the faith – Acts 2:42/Mt 4:4/  
John 8:34-36/Mt 28:18-20
- c. Authentic community or fellowship: Acts 2:42-46/Heb 10:24-25
- d. Worship in Spirit and truth: John 4:24/Phil 3:3-4
- e. The NEW MAN — Eph 4:12-16

## THE FRUSTRATIONS of the CHURCH:

- a. Growth: Acts 2:41-47; 4:4; 12:24; 19:20 (the Word)
- b. Persecution: Acts 8:1; 11:19; 13:5/Luke 11:49/1 Thes 2:15
- c. Carnal ambitions: Acts 5:1-2; 8:18; 13:7-11 (false teachers)
- d. Failure to Change: Acts 6:14; 7; 13:45-48; 15:5-6; 18:13/Heb 8:13

## THE FULFILLMENT of the CHURCH:

Conformity to Christ of the Gentiles: Ps 18:43-45; Mt 21:42-44

- a. Faith comes by hearing  
Acts 13:46-49
- b. We are headed to Rome from Jerusalem:  
Acts 21:11-14; 25:10-13
- c. From Rome to the World by the Gospel of Paul:  
Acts 28:16, 23, 25-28