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# THE BOOK OF ACTS—PT. 1

with Pastor Jesse Gistand

**Chapter 1:1-5**

*The Account of Our Practice - Exploits*

Dan 11:32-35



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**Vs 1a: Jesus Christ the subject for Theophilus (lover of God)**

- a. **All Believers Love God:** Rom 5:5-6
  - It's commanded in the law- Mt 22:37
  - imparted in conversion – Heb 8:10/1 John 5:1-2; 4:19
  - Every believer is a Theophilus
- b. **Believers are *taught personally* of God:**  
John 6:45/1 John 2:27/1 Thes 4:9/Eph 4:20-21
- c. **Luke a type of the Spirit of God Theophilus a type of all believers** – John 12:21-23; 14:26; 15:26; 16:13/Luke 1:3-4

**Vs 1b: The Scope of Luke account:**

*"All that Jesus began to do and teach"*

From *His birth* to *His death* He *began* something, through his actions and teachings

*Archo – start, initiate – vs 22/Lk 3:8/4:21*

**Vs 2a: Taken in order to continue His work:** Vs 9

John 10:14-16/Luke 24:50-51/Mk 16:19

- a. His Father's work was finished
- b. His work continues to the end of time
- c. Accomplished by the Spirit through the \_\_\_\_\_?  
Mt 16:18-19

**Vs 2b: An Apostolic Charge through the Spirit:** Heb 3:1

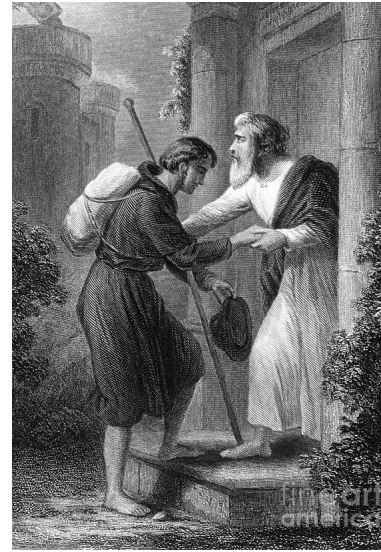
- a. The *symbolic* act John 20:22 – (LIFE to minister) Ezekiel 37:9
- b. The *right* of conference
  - (a finished work) John 20:21
  - (Sent) John 17:17-19
- c. The *character* of the commission
  - (the forgiveness of sins) Acts 10:42-43/Lk 24:45-49

**Vs 3: He Showed HIMSELF alive**

(confirmed witnesses of his bodily resurrection)

- a. forty days
- b. 10 times
- c. eating, drinking, and fellowship
- d. power

Mt 28:9-10/Luke 24:13/1 Cor 15:6-7/John 20:19, 26, 21:1/  
Acts 1:4; 10:41



**“Child of God, See How your Savior keeps you believing?”**

Then I saw in my dream that the INTERPRETER took CHRISTIAN by the hand, and led him into a place where was a fire burning against a wall, and one standing by it always casting much water upon it to quench it; yet did the fire burn higher and hotter.

**Chr.** Then said CHRISTIAN, "What means this?"

**Inter.** The INTERPRETER answered, "This fire is the work of grace that is wrought in the heart; he that casts water upon it to extinguish and put it out, is the devil: but in that thou seest the fire notwithstanding burn higher and hotter, thou shall also see the reason of that." So he had him about to the backside of the wall, where he saw a man with a vessel of oil in his hand, of the which he did also continually cast, but secretly, into the fire.

**Chr.** Then said CHRISTIAN, "What means this?"

**Inter.** The INTERPRETER answered, "This is Christ, who continually with the oil of his grace maintains the work already begun in the heart: by the means of which, notwithstanding what the devil can do, the souls of his people prove gracious still.

Excerpted from *The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan

***"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."*** 2 Corinthians 12:9