

January 7, 2017
Acts 1:1-3

LOVER OF GOD

I. Introduction

II. An Introduction To The Book Of Acts

- A. T
The Author:
“In my former book. Luke 1:1
- B. T
The Addressee:
Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach.”
- C. T
The Purpose:
- D. T
The Key Verse
“⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
Acts 1:8
- E. T
The Date:
- F. T
The Promised Holy Spirit
² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.”

G. Many Convincing Proofs

³After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.”

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance^[a]: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas,^[b] and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time,” I Corinthians 15:3-6

III. Conclusion: The Importance of Acts for us Today

POINTS TO PONDER Week of January 8th to 13th Acts 1:1-11

Open It

1. *If you could take a trip somewhere far away, where would you go?
2. What kind of reading material would you take along on a lengthy trip away from home?

Explore It

3. To what "former book" was Luke referring? (1:1)
4. Who was Theophilus? (1:1)

5. What did Luke write about? (1:1-2)
6. After His resurrection, how did Jesus spend His time with the apostles? (1:3-5)
7. What specific commands did Jesus give the apostles? (1:4)
8. What gift did Jesus promise to the apostles? (1:4-5)
9. What did the apostles misunderstand? (1:6)
10. How did Jesus answer the apostles' question? (1:7-8)
11. *What task did Jesus assign the apostles? (1:8)
12. Who would help the apostles get their job done? (1:8)
13. How would the apostles be able to carry out the task Jesus gave them? (1:8)
14. After speaking to the apostles, where did Jesus go? (1:9-11)
15. How did the apostles react to Jesus' departure? (1:10)
16. *Who were the figures in white? (1:10)
17. *How did the men in white encourage the apostles? (1:11)
18. How will Jesus' return be like His ascension? (1:11)

Get It

19. After His resurrection, Jesus spent some forty days with His disciples; how do you think they felt about this time with Him?

20. What Christian leader do you value spending time with? Why?
21. *What is the importance of Jesus' final promise and command to you?
22. When is a time you wanted to move on from a location, job, or difficult relationship but were held back by God's leading?
23. How do we know when the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives?
24. *What specific means (abilities, opportunities, relationships) has God given you to carry out the task of being His witness?
25. When you talk to a nonbelieving friend about Christ, what proofs of Jesus' existence can you offer?
26. How should the prospect of Christ's return affect the way you live your Christian life?

Apply It

27. When can you include reading the book of Luke in your Bible study this month?
28. *What steps can you take to be actively involved in telling others about Christ?
29. How can you invite the Holy Spirit to guide you throughout this week?