

THE SPREADING WORD

Acts and Paul

Three new things the gospel has achieved

(i) Luke 22:19-22, 37

(ii) Luke 23:45, 42-43

(iii) Luke 24:45-48

See this being worked out in Acts. Compare 1:8 and 28:31.
Remember Genesis 12:3 and Matthew 28:18-20.

A. Acts (of the apostles, through the Holy Spirit)

1. *Structure* - Six major sections, describing progress of gospel in a new area, a key statement and a summary ending.

1:1 - 5:42

6:8 - 9:31

9:32 - 12:25

13:1 - 15:35

16:6 - 19:20

19:21 - 28:31

The great emphasis -

Expected norm (e.g. 2:41; 4:4, 31; 6:7; 8:4 etc.)

2. Contents

3. Centre

2:22; 10:38

2:30-32; 13:33-34

3:13, 26; 4:27, 30

3:22, 26; 7:37

2:36; 3:18

2:38; 8:16; 7:59-60; 9:4-5

2:38

17:31

This is the Word of the apostles proclaimed, in the power of the Holy Spirit, given to every believer (2:1-4,38) as the fruit of Christ's victory (2:33). cf Ephesians 4:8; John 7:37-39.

B. Paul's Ministry

1. Continuity

(a) Romans 1:1-6

(b) Galatians 2:9-10

(c) 1 Corinthians 7:10; 9:14; Romans 15:3-4

2. Development

(a)

(b)

(c)

C. Paul's Letters

c50-51 AD 1 and 2 Thessalonians

c52 AD Galatians

c54 AD 1 Corinthians

c56 AD 2 Corinthians

c57 AD Romans

c60 AD Ephesians/Colossians

c61-63 AD Philippians

Other personal letters to Philemon, Timothy and Titus

D. Paul's Passion

1. Who Jesus is

- (a) Colossians 2:9; Romans 9:5

- (b) Galatians 4:4; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Philippians 2:6

- (c) Colossians 1:15-17; 1 Corinthians 8:6

- (d) Philippians 2:9-11; Romans 10:9-13

- (e) Romans 9:32-33; Ephesians 2:20

2. What Jesus did

(a) The Means

Ephesians 5:2

Romans 3:25-26

Galatians 3:13

(b) The Result

(i) Romans 5:17; 3:24; 2 Corinthians 5:21

(ii) Galatians 4:4-5

(iii) Colossians 1:20; Romans 5:11; 2 Corinthians 5:21

(iv) Ephesians 1:7; Romans 3:24; Ephesians 2:4-7