

III. The Primitive Church in Jerusalem, Acts.1:1-8:1a.

A. Acts 1.

1. Resurrection and ascension of Jesus, 1:1-11.
 - a. Preface - Connection with the former treatise, vv. 1-2.
 - b. Final commands of Christ, vv. 3-8.
 - c. The ascension of Jesus, vv. 9-11.

2. Special points of interest in Acts 1:1-11.
 - a. What was "the former treatise"?
 - b. Who was Theophilus?
 - c. What was "the promise of the Father"?
cf. Luke 24:49; also note John 14:16,26; 15:26,
 - d. "Lord, dost Thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"
 - e. Acts 1:8
 - f. The ascension of Jesus.
 - (1) Time.
 - (2) Place.
Acts 1:12 - cf. Luke 24:50 - Note Luke 19:29.
 - (3) Significance
 - g. The message of "two men" concerning the second advent.
3. The period of waiting, 1:12-26.
 - a. The return to Jerusalem, vv. 12-14.
 - b. The choice of Matthias, vv. 15-26.
4. Special points of interest in Acts 1:12-26.
 - a. The company in the upper room and their activity.
 - b. Are verses 18-19 parenthetical?
 - c. The account of Judas' death.
cf. Matthew 27:3-10.
 - d. What were the qualifications of an apostle?
 - e. To whom was the prayer addressed (verse 24)?
 - f. By what means did the company seek to find out whom the Lord had chosen?
 - g. Did the disciples do wrong in selecting Matthias?

B. The Day of Pentecost, Acts 2.

1. General Outline.

- a. The advent of the Holy Spirit, vv. 1-4.
- b. The effect on the multitude, vv. 5-13.
- c. The sermon of the apostle Peter, vv. 14-36.
 - (1) Introduction - An explanation of the miracle of the speaking with tongues, vv. 14-21.
 - (2) The fact of Christ's resurrection declared, vv. 22-24
 - (3) David predicted the resurrection, vv. 25-31.
 - (4) The apostles are witnesses of the resurrection, v. 32.
 - (5) The coming of the Holy Spirit the result of Christ's resurrection and exaltation, vv. 33-35.
 - (6) Conclusion - The crucified Jesus is both Lord and Christ, v. 36.
- d. The results of the sermon, vv. 37-41.
 - (1) Conviction, v. 37a.
 - (2) Inquiry, v. 37b.
 - (3) Repentance, v. 38.
 - (4) The opportunity of salvation, vv. 39-40.
 - (5) A great multitude baptized, v. 41.
- e. The life of the new converts, vv. 42-47.