

Women of the Word Welcome

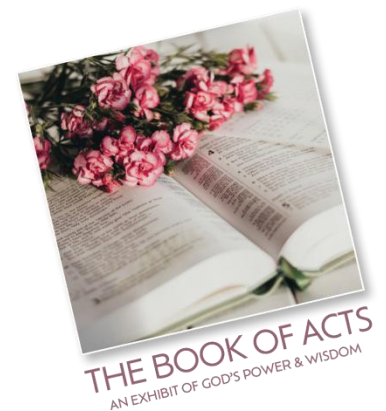


Acts 18 & 19

THE BOOK OF ACTS
AN EXHIBIT OF GOD'S POWER & WISDOM

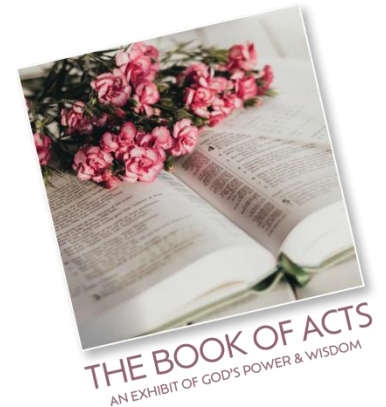
Paul in Corinth

- Preaching Christ and Him Crucified
- 1.5 years
- “No man shall attack you in order to harm you.” v10



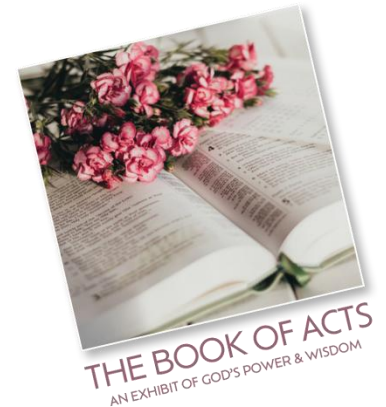
Attributes of God/Jesus

- Immutable – Never changes
- Immanuel – God with us
- Image – God is forever, and we are made in His image



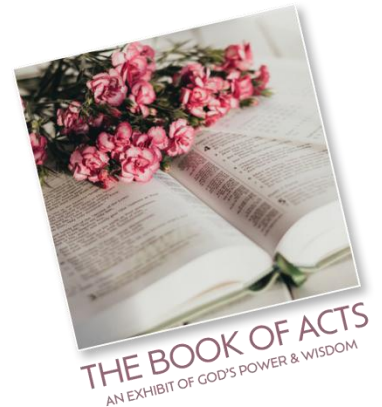
Faith and Promises

- “In my Father’s house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.” -John 14:2
- Faith/Trust = Joy, Peace
- Unbelief = Instability, Anxiety



Fact

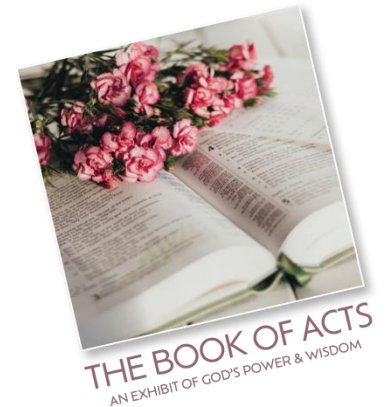
- God's promises come true, even when we don't believe them!
- God never changes, but believing in His promises does change us.



Holy Spirit - 2 Camps

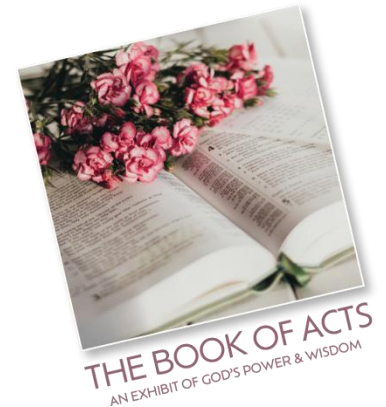
1. When born again – Receive ALL of the Holy Spirit – but not all the gifts are available to you.
2. Yes, receive the Holy Spirit when born again, BUT you must have another event in your life to receive the gifts.

Truth? What does the Bible say?



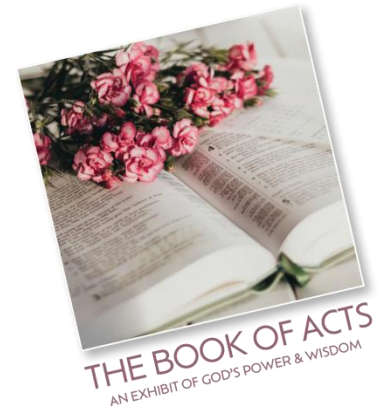
Disciples

- V.1 Paul meets disciples – what is their Spiritual condition?
- Are they Christians? Are they truly saved?



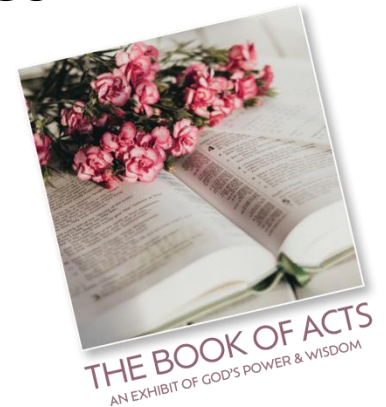
Disciples

- Simon the sorcerer – Acts. 8:13-23
 - Believed
 - Water Baptized
 - Church
 - “You have no part or portion; your heart is not right towards God. V21 (Peter speaking)
 - Using the Holy Spirit for \$
 - Need to repent



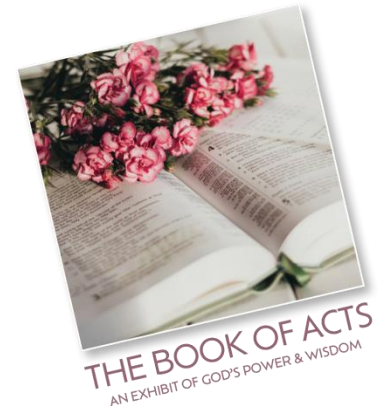
Disciples

- Followers of Jesus
 - Not necessarily saved
 - John 6, “from that time many of his disciples went back and followed him no more.”
 - Not born again, but were called disciples



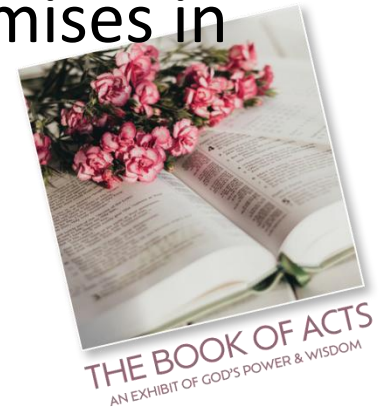
John's Baptism

“As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and Fire.” Matthew 3:11



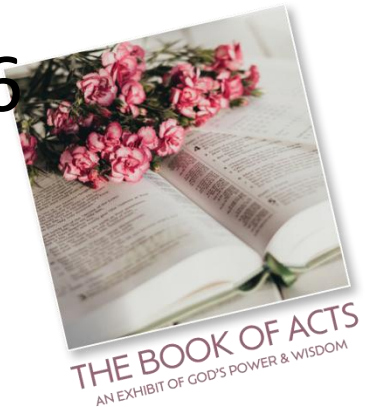
John's Baptism

- Baptized into repentance
 - Symbolizing a turning away from sin and preparation for the coming of the Messiah.
 - Old Testament “believers” trusting in God’s promises
 - Looking for the fulfillment of those promises in Jesus.
 - Redemption verses Faith in Jesus



Conversion = Christ/Spirit

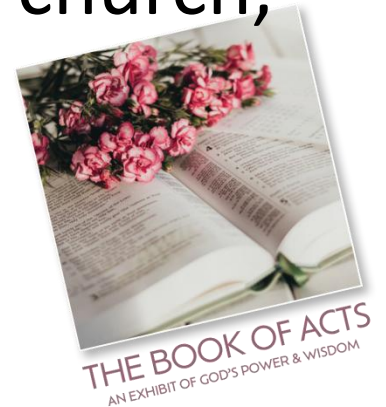
- Rom. 8:9 If a man does not have the Spirit of Christ he does not belong to Christ.
- Baptism in the name of Jesus
(it is possible to be baptized, but not be born again)
- Baptized, receive the Holy Spirit vv5-6
- True disciples



Tongues - Prophesying

1. If saved, then receiving the Holy Spirit .2/2nd touch (baptism of the Holy Spirit)
2. If born again, then speaking in tongues
3. Yes, born again then tongues = early church, and now ceased

Which is it? Look to the Bible to clarify.



Bible

- Goes right to the center of truth

Interpretation – depends upon denominational bent.

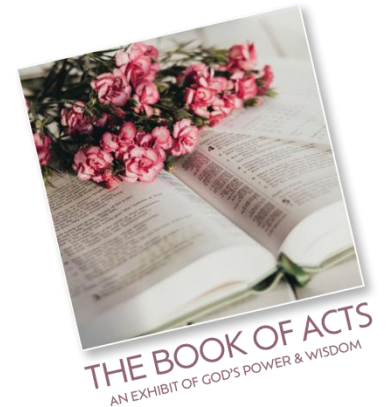
Pentecostals

- Gifts for today
- Tongues as mandatory evidence of salvation (some support)

Reformed

- Cessationist – some gifts have ceased

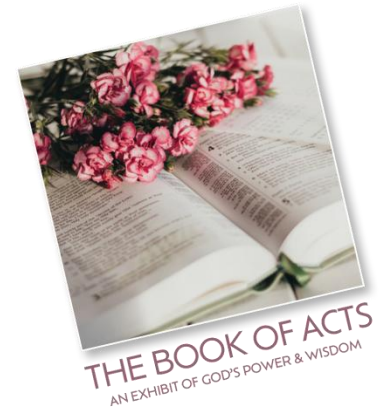
Some truth and some falsehoods in both camps.



Bible

Acts 9: Mandatory “tongues”?

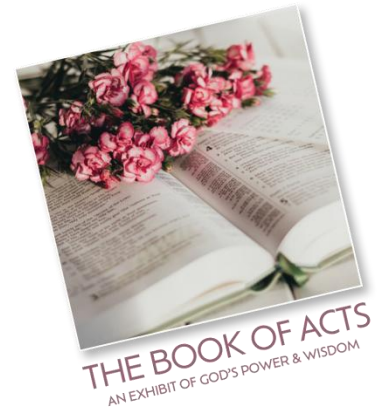
- Paul’s conversion
 - Preaching Christ, no tongues
 - Later indicates tongues, but not at conversion
 - NOT necessary as proof of conversion



Bible

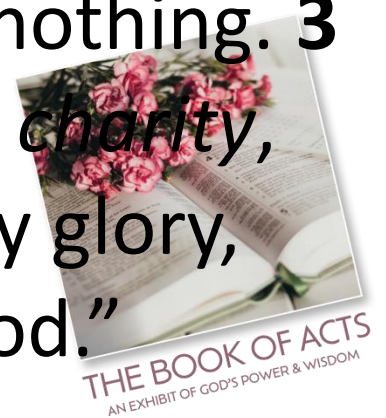
“All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not *workers of* [\[a\]](#) miracles, are they? ³⁰ All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they?”

1 Cor. 12:29-30



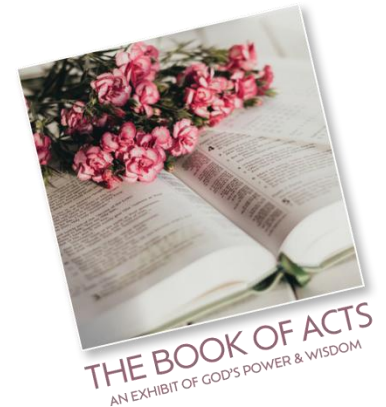
Bible - 1 Cor. 13

“If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.” If I have *the gift of* prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. **3** And if I give away all my possessions *to charity*, and if I surrender my body so that I may glory, but do not have love, it does me no good.”



Holy Spirit - 2nd person of Godhead

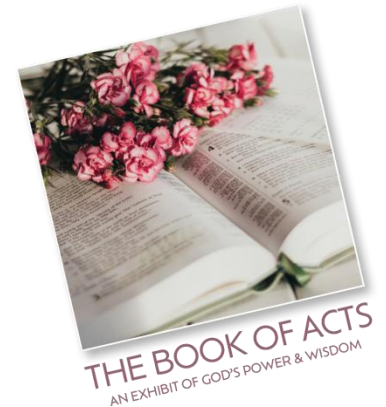
The HS does exactly what the Lord does; the Spirit's work is not an additional or special work; the Spirit is the Lord at work.



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Given to us at conversion.

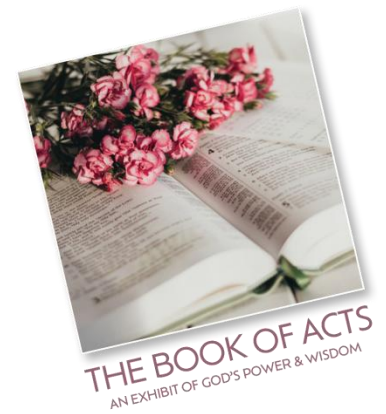
- Our responsibility:
 - Listen
 - Walk in step; being led by



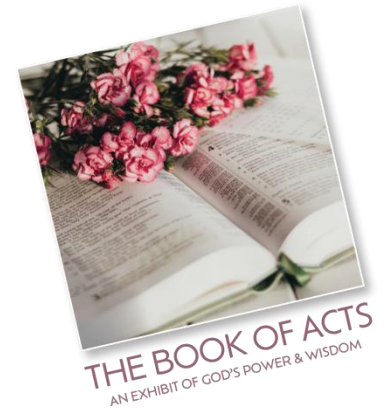
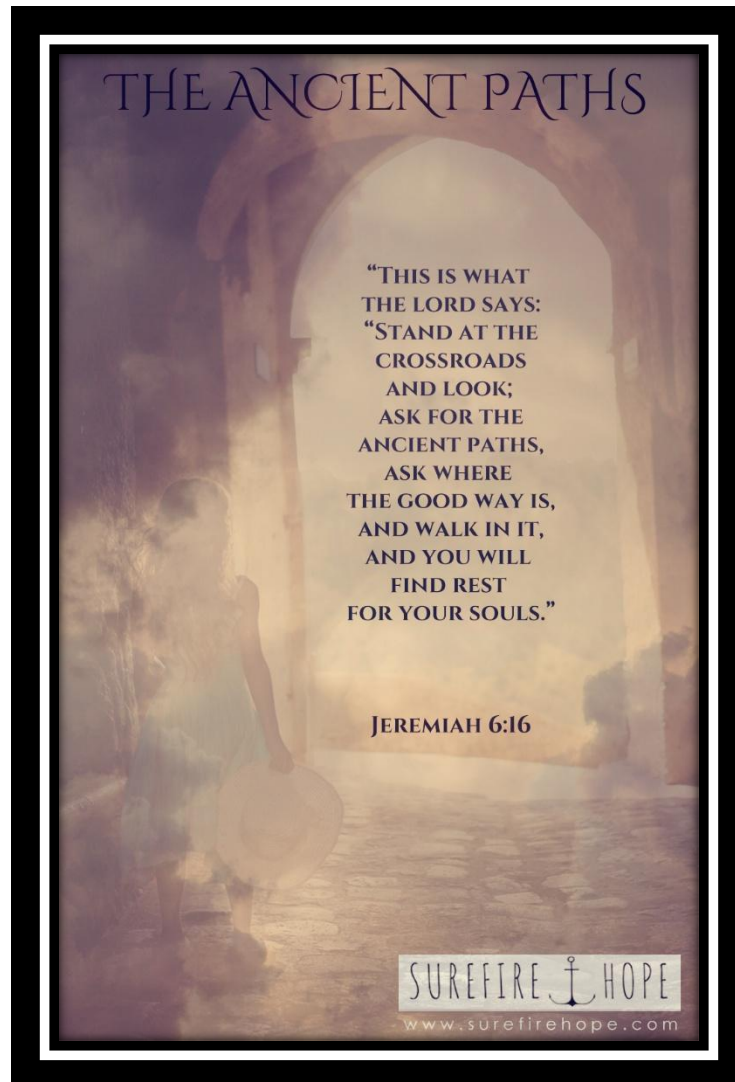
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- Lamentations 3:23



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Women of the Word Have a Blessed Week!



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