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**The Book of Acts**

*Introduction*

Intro

**A. TITLE OF THE BOOK.**

 1. The first titles are given to this book in the mid second century AD.

 2. The preferred title.

**B. AUTHORSHIP OF THE BOOK.**

 1. Testimony of the church fathers.

 2. Relationship of Acts to the Gospel of Luke.

 a. Both dedicated to “Theophilus” (Lk. 1:3; Acts 1:1).

 b. The author of Acts claims to be the author of Luke (Acts 1:1-2).

 c. 47 words which occur in both Luke and Acts but nowhere else.

 d. 33 years of history in each book.

 3. The eye-witness of Luke.

 a. First trip with Paul (Acts 16:10-17, 22-40).

 b. Second trip with Paul (Acts 20:5-21:18).

 c. Third trip with Paul (Acts 27:1-28:16).

**C. LUKE AS HISTORIAN.**

**D. PURPOSE OF ACTS.**

 1. Explanation -

 2. Expansion -

 3. Encouragement -

 4. Endorsement -

**E. KEY VERSE - Acts 1:8**

 This becomes an **inspired outline** for the book of Acts (Swindoll).

 1. Jerusalem (Acts 1-7)

 2. All Judea and Samaria (Acts 8-12)

 3. Remotest parts of the earth (Acts 13-28)

**F. DATE**

**G. IMPORTANCE OF THE BOOK OF ACTS**

Conclusion