FIVE-DAY THEOLOGY COURSE

ACTS

The Spirit of God in Mission

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Course guide

Dates, units, chapters, examination structure, and reading expectations.

Day 1: Understanding Acts and Preparing for Pentecost · Day 2: The Spirit-Empowered Church in Jerusalem and Beyond · Day 3: The Gentile Mission and Paul's Missionary Expansion · Day 4: Paul's Missionary Journeys, Jerusalem and Rome

Day 5: Final examination (2026-10-09)

Based on Acts: The Spirit of God in Mission by Denzil R. Miller. Africa's Hope, 2017.

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Textbook

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Five-day schedule

• Day 1 (2026-09-25): Understanding Acts and Preparing for Pentecost. Chapters 1, 2, 3

• Day 2 (2026-09-29): The Spirit-Empowered Church in Jerusalem and Beyond. Chapters 4, 5, 6, 7

• Day 3 (2026-10-02): The Gentile Mission and Paul's Missionary Expansion. Chapters 8, 9, 10

• Day 4 (2026-10-06): Paul's Missionary Journeys, Jerusalem and Rome. Chapters 11, 12, 13, 14

• Day 5 (2026-10-09): Final examination, 60 marks

Units and chapters

Unit 1: Introduction

Definitions of terms; purpose of the study; facts about Acts; some issues related to interpretation of the book; the focus of Acts. The background of Pentecost; Jesus' departure; the Upper Room experience; selection of Judas' replacement.

Chapters 1, 2

Unit 2: The Jewish Mission

Preparing for Pentecost and the first Jerusalem outpouring; Spirit-inspired witness in Jerusalem. The church as a powerful evangelistic force; facing persecution.

Chapters 3, 4

Unit 3: The Transitional Period

The witness of scattered believers; Philip's Spirit-empowered witness in Samaria; the Samaritan outpouring; Philip's Spirit-directed ministry in Gaza. Saul's conversion, healing, commissioning and empowering. A divine appointment; Peter goes to the Gentiles; the Holy Spirit is poured out on Gentiles; the door is opened.

Chapters 5, 6, 7

Unit 4: The Gentile Mission

Background of Paul's first missionary journey; ministry on Cyprus and in Asia Minor; the first missions convention; insights on planting indigenous churches. The missionary council in Jerusalem. Paul's second and third missionary journeys; the Ephesian outpouring; insights into Paul's missionary strategy.

Chapters 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Unit 5: Jerusalem and Rome

Jerusalem: arrival and arrest; Paul's speeches in Jerusalem; a plot against Paul; trials before Felix and Festus. Journey to Rome; ministry in Malta; open doors in Rome.

Chapters 13, 14

Examination

Section A: 10 multiple choice, 2 marks each (20). Section B: 10 yes/no, 2 marks each (20). Section C: 10 fill in the blank, 2 marks each (20). Total 60 marks.

Student instructions

- Read the assigned Acts passage before each lesson.
- Then read the corresponding textbook chapter.
- Bring these notes to class and use them to revise for the examination.
- Practice quizzes are unlimited. Final exam answers stay hidden until you submit.
- The course is taught by Lec SK. KIERU.