

# Church on the Move

*The Mission and  
Power of the Spirit*

**Acts 1:1-11**

ACTS

OF THE

Holy Spirit

# HLCE Theme 2026

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*The Spirit Empowered Mission and Service*

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**A Joyful Abundant Fruitful Life of the Spirit**



# **Empowerment of the Spirit from Acts**

*In calling, guiding, uniting, equipping, purifying,  
and expanding the church of Jesus Christ.*

## **Four main movements of the church:**

**1-8:** From Jerusalem to Samaria

**9-15:** From the Jews to the Gentiles

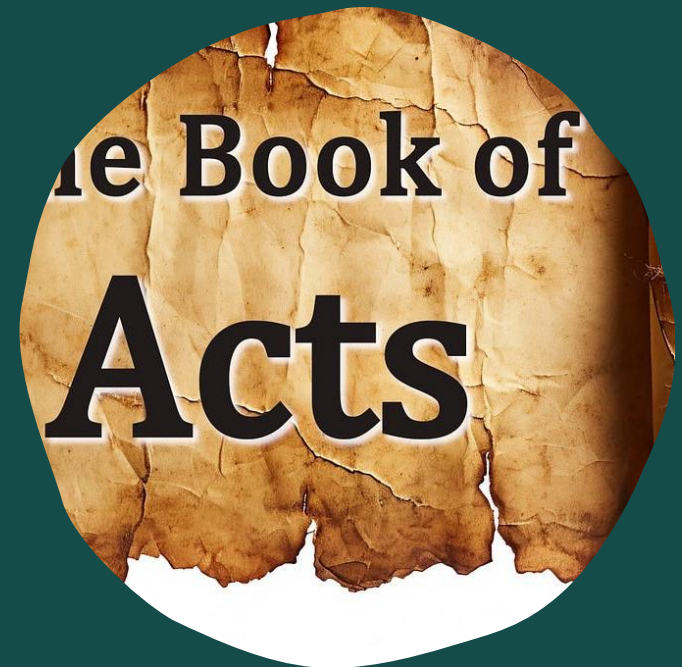
**16-20:** From Asia to Europe

**21-28:** To the ends of the Earth

# Some facts about the Book of Acts

- **Lots of Actions**  
*Signs and wonders and miracles,  
persecution and opposition.*
- **Lots of spiritual utterances**  
By Peter, Stephen, Paul.

**Caution:** *Understand its unique  
time and place in God's history*



## **Acts 1:1-11**

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*<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered round him and asked him, ‘Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’ <sup>7</sup> He said to them: ‘It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’*

*<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. <sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> ‘Men of Galilee,’ they said, ‘why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.’*

# Acts 1:1-11 Church on the Move

## *The Mission and Power of the Spirit*

- **Prepare**

*Get Ready to Move*

- **Power**

*The Mission and The Power*

- **Promise**

*The Motivation for Mission*



# The Context:

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Dr Luke to Theophilus,

*“one who loves God”*

**Jesus continuing His work  
through His church by His Spirit**



# The Heart of our Lord Jesus!

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## The Resurrection and Expansion of His Kingdom

*The Resurrected Christ  
prepares the disciples for  
work of His kingdom expansion*



## Preparation - Get Ready to Move

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**The mission is urgent, challenging, and need the power of God.**



# **Power - The Mission and The Power**

*<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

**Be Empowered by His Spirit**

*Be dependent on God not on self*

**Be Good Witnesses**

*Living testimony of Christ where we are*

**Big Vision- Starts Small Grow Big**

*From home to community to nations to the world.*



## **Promise - The Motivation for Mission**

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**Look Forward to  
His Glorious Return!**

*Hope in Christ’s return  
fuels urgency, not passivity.*



# The Church on the Move for God's Mission:

- *Led by the Risen Christ*
- *Empowered by the Holy Spirit*
- *Sent into the World*
- *Anchored in the Promise of Christ's Return*



# HLCE: Church on the Move by His Spirit

*Are our lives driven by Christ's mission, vision, and strategy?*

**Are our eyes set on ourselves or the lost world?**

*Are we fuel by the grand vision of the evangelization of the whole world or are we concern only with ourselves, our family, career, well being...*



**Are we spectators of the kingdom or  
Spirit-filled participants in it?**

*Are we actively involved in  
the ministry of the church?*

*What's the reasons for coming to church,  
join CELLS, prayer meeting, and  
fellowship meeting? To give or to get?*



***Are we living as good witnesses  
for His kingdom expansion?***

*We are called to be witnesses with our  
lives not merely witnessing with our word*



***Are we continuing Christ's mission in the  
power of His Spirit or in our own strength?***

*Are we relying on logic and reasons or trusting God  
in His word led by the Spirit in respond to His call?*

# Are we motivated by His coming again?

**Are we living with  
urgency of time?**

- *Are we staring into heaven  
or stepping out in obedience?*
- *Does our hope in Christ's return  
make us passive or purposeful?*



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***Come Holy Spirit***

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FAITHFULNESS

