

THE EARLY CHURCH IS EMPOWERED
FOR EXPANSION BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

ACTS 1:1 – 12:24

I. 1:1 – 2:47 The Jerusalem Church Is Empowered By The Holy Spirit

Acts 2:47 “And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

II. 3:1 – 6:7 The Jerusalem Church Overcomes Hindrances To Growth

Acts 6:7 “So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.”

III. 6:8 – 9:31 The Jerusalem Church Is Scattered By Jewish Persecution: And Is Opened To Samaritans

Acts 9:31 “Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.”

IV. 9:32 – 12:24 The Church Is Opened To Gentiles: And Experiences Its’ First Persecution By Gentiles

Acts 12:24 “But the word of God continued to increase and spread.”

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