ACTS

(Answers)

CHAPTER 1

1. Luke wrote the book of Acts.
2. a. He went up from Mount Olive. b. Jesus told them to wait in Jerusalem. c. It was about a Sabbath day's journey. This was not quite a mile which was what they were allowed to travel on a Sabbath. d. In an upper room where they were staying.
3. About 120 disciples at that time.
4. To find a replacement for Judas Iscariot.
5. a. He must have accompanied the apostles beginning from the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist to the time He was taken up into heaven. b. They chose Matthias.

CHAPTER 2.

1. They received the Holy Ghost and began to speak of the wonderful works of God in other languages.
2. a. Each heard and understood the apostles in his own language. b. The apostles were Galileans.
3. Seems to be just the twelve apostles based on verse 14.
4. He spoke that Jesus would not see corruption in the grave but would be resurrected and also sit at God’s right hand until He made the enemies of Jesus a footstool to Him.
5. David has not yet rose from the grave and ascended to heaven.
6. To be given the Holy Spirit is the gift. This gift will enable you to learn and grow and keep faith in God and the gospel.
7. Peter exhorted them to save themselves from the influence and fate of this perverse world.
8. They received and continued in the teaching and instruction of the apostles.
9. They continued to meet together with common belief and hope sharing the gospel and praying together.
10. They sold their possessions and gave to those in need among them.

CHAPTER 3

1. a. A man lame since birth. b. God did this to glorify the name of Jesus.
2. a. Repenting is to turn away from your sins. b. To be converted is to change your heart and actions so you will turn away from sin. c. The refreshing comes through the Holy Spirit leading us to a righteous walk. d. If we turn from our sins and change our heart and actions, guided by God's Spirit, He will send Jesus to gather us for the eternal reward.

3. He is waiting until all prophecy is fulfilled and it is the time for all things to be restored to God.

CHAPTER 4

1. The Levite priests, elders, and high priests.
2. By the authority of Jesus he was healed.
3. They perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men and had been with Jesus.
4. They feared losing their authority, power, status, and respect.
5. It showed that he, a Levite, accepted their authority.

CHAPTER 5

1. They sold a possession of land and secretly kept back a part of the proceeds for themselves while professing to have devoted it all to the Lord.
2. a. The Holy Spirit revealed it to him. b. Ananias thought he could deceive all even the Spirit and ultimately lied to God. c. He fell dead instantly. d. She also fell dead instantly.
3. a. They were able to heal all the sick and those with unclean spirits that were brought to them. b. They were filled with envy and jealousy. c. They had the apostles imprisoned.
4. a. They were freed by an angel of the Lord. b. They went to the temple and began teaching the people again. c. They wanted them to stop teaching about Jesus. d. "We should obey God rather than men."
5. To wait and see if the apostles' work was of man or God. If it was of man, it would come to an end. If it was of God, it could not be stopped.

CHAPTER 6

1. a. Greek speaking Jews that had lived among the Gentiles. b. Their widows were being neglected in the daily distributions. c. They chose seven godly and just men and put them in charge of the distributions.
2. They accused him of blaspheming God and Moses.

CHAPTER 7

1. He recited in wisdom and by the Spirit the history of the children of Israel from Abraham unto Jesus Christ.
2. a. They stoned him to death. b. He asked God to forgive them. c. Saul (Paul).

CHAPTER 8

1. He made havoc for the church and dragged people from their homes and put them in prison.
2. a. A sorcerer. b. They thought he was invested with great power from God.

3. He believed and was baptized and continued on with Philip.
4. a. He offered them money for the power. b. He would perish with his money. c. His heart was not right. He wanted the power for his purposes. d. He needed tp get his heart right. He needed to repent of his sin and ask forgiveness from God.
5. a. The book of Isaiah. b. A prophecy about Jesus.
6. He baptized him.
7. The same Spirit that urged Philip to talk to the Ethiopian strongly urged him to continue on his journey instead of spending more time with the Ethiopian who then went on his way rejoicing.

CHAPTER 9

1. a. Jesus. b. He was blinded by the light.
2. He was to be a chosen vessel to carry the name of Jesus before kings, the Gentiles, and the children of Israel.
3. He preached that Jesus was the Son of God.
4. The disciples let him down through a window in a basket.
5. The Hellenists or Grecians.
6. A paralysis of eight years.
7. He brought a woman back to life.

CHAPTER 10

1. a. A centurion of the Roman army. b. Yes, a devout man of God.
2. God brought him to the next level of faith and salvation and poured out the Holy Spirit on him and his household.
3. What God has cleansed should not be considered unclean any longer. God had also cleansed the Gentiles through Jesus.
4. Peter and his circumcised company were surprised to see God pour out the Spirit on the Gentiles.

CHAPTER 11

1. John's baptism was symbolic of the washing away of sins. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is with power that sanctifies us in the ways of the Lord.
2. At the city of Antioch.

CHAPTER 12

1. He harassed the church.
2. Herod killed James, the brother of John, of the sons of Zebedee.
3. a. Herod seized Peter next. b. Peter was set free from the prison by an angel.
4. Herod being a Jew received glory as a god instead of fearing the only God and giving Him the glory.

CHAPTER 13

1. Barnabas and Saul were called to work.
2. a. He tried to keep them from converting the proconsul Sergius Paulus to the faith. b. Saul told him he was full of deceit and unrighteousness - a son of the devil perverting the ways of the Lord. c. Elymas was stricken with blindness for a time. d. This was to show that God was with the disciples and was against Elymas. Ultimately the blindness was to produce repentance in Elymas.
3. a. Paul showed them how Jesus was foretold by the prophets and is the savior of the people. They must beware of despising or rejecting this truth lest calamity or destruction come upon them. b. The people wanted to hear more the next Sabbath.
4. The Gentiles were prophesied to become children of God. Each has an opportunity after hearing the word.

CHAPTER 14

1. He healed a man crippled in his feet since birth whom had never walked.
2. a. They believed them to be gods come down in the likeness of men. b. Paul and Barnabas denounced this identity and exhorted the people to turn to the only living God.
3. The Jews from Antioch and Iconium who opposed the teachings of Paul and Barnabas.
4. God opened the door of faith to the Gentiles giving them the opportunity for salvation too.

CHAPTER 15

1. The Judeans wanted to enforce the law of circumcision for the Gentiles.
2. God knows the hearts of men and will judge them by their hearts.
3. They did not want to impose unnecessary and burdensome rituals, namely circumcision, on the Gentiles. The Gentiles were only required to abstain from all unclean things, meat offered to idols, and fornication. These should be familiar to them because Moses was taught in the many synagogues each Sabbath.
4. a. Paul wanted see how the people were doing in their faith and to strengthen them. b. John Mark had left Paul and Barnabas and the work when in Pamphylia (Acts 13:13).

CHAPTER 16

1. The Jews in this region would not even begin to listen to an uncircumcised person. Paul knew circumcision was not necessary but had Timothy circumcised so the Jews would listen to the word (see 1Co.9:22).
2. They had healed a demon possessed girl who was used for profit in fortune telling.
3. a. They were set free by an earthquake. b. He became a believer of Jesus.

CHAPTER 17

1. They searched the scriptures daily to see if their words were true.

2. a. The Jews from Thessalonica. b. They came to stir up people against Paul and Silas.
3. The place or court of the supreme judges. They were highly knowledgeable, intelligent, religious people who ruled on cases and sought and shared understanding in any new philosophy or thing.
4. He was the God who made the universe, who is the very reason we exist and whose offspring we are.

CHAPTER 18

1. a. A Jewish husband and wife deported from Rome who were followers of Christ. b. They and Paul had the same occupation as tentmakers.
2. a. He shook his garments at them as a sign of shaking off the guilt of their condemnation and went to the Gentiles. b. In the vision he was told to not give up but to keep speaking. No one would harm him for there were many people there who believed in God. c. He stayed a year and six months.
3. a. An eloquent Jew of Alexandria who knew the scriptures and taught diligently the things of the Lord. b. He had knowledge of the scriptures and of the doctrines pertaining to the Messiah but knew only the baptism of John. c. They explained to Apollos that the Messiah had already come and doubtless told him about conversion by the Holy Spirit.

CHAPTER 19

1. a. Paul worked unusual or extraordinary miracles like the touching of handkerchiefs or aprons brought from his body that healed people of diseases and evil spirits.
2. a. They believed the power for miracles came from just saying the "in the name Jesus." They did not have Jesus in their hearts. b. They were beaten up badly by a man possessed by an evil spirit.
3. The miracles magnified the name of Jesus and helped the word of the Lord to be believed, grow mightily, and prevail. Many came to accept Jesus
4. He and other craftsmen like him were losing money for his work to craft idols. He also accused Paul of despising their goddess Diana (Artemis).

CHAPTER 20

1. a. Paul spoke all night until daybreak. b. He fell asleep and fell out of a third story window but Paul restored him to life.
2. Paul taught repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ which is to turn from sin and to know forgiveness through Jesus.
3. Paul had taught them all things that would promote their salvation and help them live and endure life. If they suffered the second death it would be due to their own neglect.
4. Paul knew strong opposition and false teachers would come even from within the church and mislead them by distorting doctrines of the gospel. Some would

distract the church from selfish ambition not leading them in the proper work and focus of the kingdom.

CHAPTER 21

1. Phillip was one of the seven chosen to administer to the needs of the widows (6:5) and who also witnessed to the eunuch (8:26-40)
2. He prophesied Paul would be bound or taken prisoner at Jerusalem.
3. a. Paul taught that circumcision of their sons and other rituals of the law were no longer necessary. b. They wanted him to go with four men who were being purified and go through the ritual of the law with them to show he was upholding the law to perhaps save him from the Jews.

CHAPTER 22

1. When he said he was sent to the Gentiles by God because the Jews would not receive Him.
2. Paul was a Roman, uncondemned. This was not lawful to do to a Roman citizen.

CHAPTER 23

1. The Pharisees believed in angels or spirits and the resurrection. The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection or spirits.
2. a. They would ambush him and kill him when he was coming to be questioned before the council. b. Paul's nephew, his sister's son.
3. To Felix, the governor, in Caesarea. (Felix was a freed slave. He was released by Antonia the mother of Claudius.)

CHAPTER 24

1. He was a well trained orator. He would be a more effective against Paul.
2. They accused him of evil because he taught of the resurrection of the dead.
3. He listened to Paul teach about righteousness, self-control, and the coming judgment. Felix was lax in all these things.
4. Two years.

CHAPTER 25

1. They wanted him to have Paul sent back to Jerusalem under the pretense of wanting to try him there. Their plan was to lay in ambush to kill Paul.
2. Festus also found no wrong in Paul.
3. a. King Agrippa. b. He hoped King Agrippa could specify a charge against Paul to justify bringing him to Caesar.

CHAPTER 26

1. Paul strove hard against the name of Jesus. With his extensive training in the law and prophets he should have realized that prophecy was being fulfilled.
2. Paul's mission was to turn them from darkness to light, from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an eternal inheritance for those who have faith in God.
3. He almost persuaded him to become a Christian.
4. He had appealed to Caesar and God had intended for him to go to Rome to witness.

CHAPTER 27

1. The voyage would be a disaster. There would be loss of cargo and the ship, and loss of lives (which he later reveals there would be no loss of lives).
2. They needed to eat, for they would need their strength.
3. Two hundred and seventy six were on board.
4. Because he wanted Paul to be spared.

CHAPTER 28

1. a. He was bit by a poisonous snake. b. They assumed he must be a murderer who was not allowed to escape death. c. He must be a god.
2. Paul was able to dwell freely with just a guard.
3. No report had been sent ahead to the Jews in Rome to continue Paul's prosecution.
4. They wanted to know more about the gospel and the sect of the Way they had heard about.
5. He showed them from the scriptures and prophets that Jesus was the Christ.
6. He dwelled two whole years in his own house receiving all who came to him.