

# THE REAL MEANING OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

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Many Christians today do not know the real significance of the book of Acts. Although many books have been written about Acts and many teachings put forth about it, even up to today our understanding of this book may not be very deep. This is because this book records matters that are wonderful and beyond our human concept. We may consider Acts to be an easy book, relating the story of how the disciples of Christ after His ascension into heaven exercised extraordinary power to do things in a miraculous way, convincing people, bringing people to Christ, and setting up churches. However, if we have only this much understanding of this book, we lack the full revelation and insight.

## Being Enlivened by the Resurrection of Christ

We need the real insight concerning the record of this book. Two important things transpired after the Lord's death—resurrection and ascension. Resurrection is the strongest proof that the Son of God is the divine life, a life that nothing can damage, hold, or overcome (Acts 2:24). This life overcomes all things—Satan, death, Hades, and the grave. Nothing and no one can hold Him, damage Him, or overcome Him. This was fully proved and testified by the resurrection of Christ. This is one significance of the resurrection.

However, the resurrection of Christ is not only a proof or testimony; it is also an imparting of Himself into His members. In His resurrection Christ imparted Himself into all those who identify themselves with Him in faith (1 Pet. 1:3). Therefore, objectively speaking, His resurrection is a proof, a testimony, that He is the indestructible life, and subjectively speaking, it is the imparting of Himself into us to make us the members of His Body.

## Being Positioned in the Enthronement of Christ

In His ascension Christ was enthroned and made the very Head over all things in the universe (Eph. 1:22). Therefore, He is the Head, the Lord, the King, and the anointed One on the throne. On the one hand, His ascension was His enthronement. On the other hand, because we were identified with Him in His ascension, we also were brought into the heavens with Him (2:6). When He was crucified, we died in Him on the cross; when He was resurrected, we were raised up with Him; and when He ascended, we also ascended to the heavens with Him. Therefore, His enthronement is our position. Because He is on the throne in the heavens, we also are in the heavens and on the throne. Enthronement indicates authorization. This is why the Lord Jesus told His disciples that all authority in heaven and on earth has been committed to Him (Matt. 28:18). Psalm 2, as a prophecy of Christ's ascension, is the declaration of God