

the book of
acts
trial and triumph



SALVATION HAS BEEN SENT!

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Acts 28:17-31

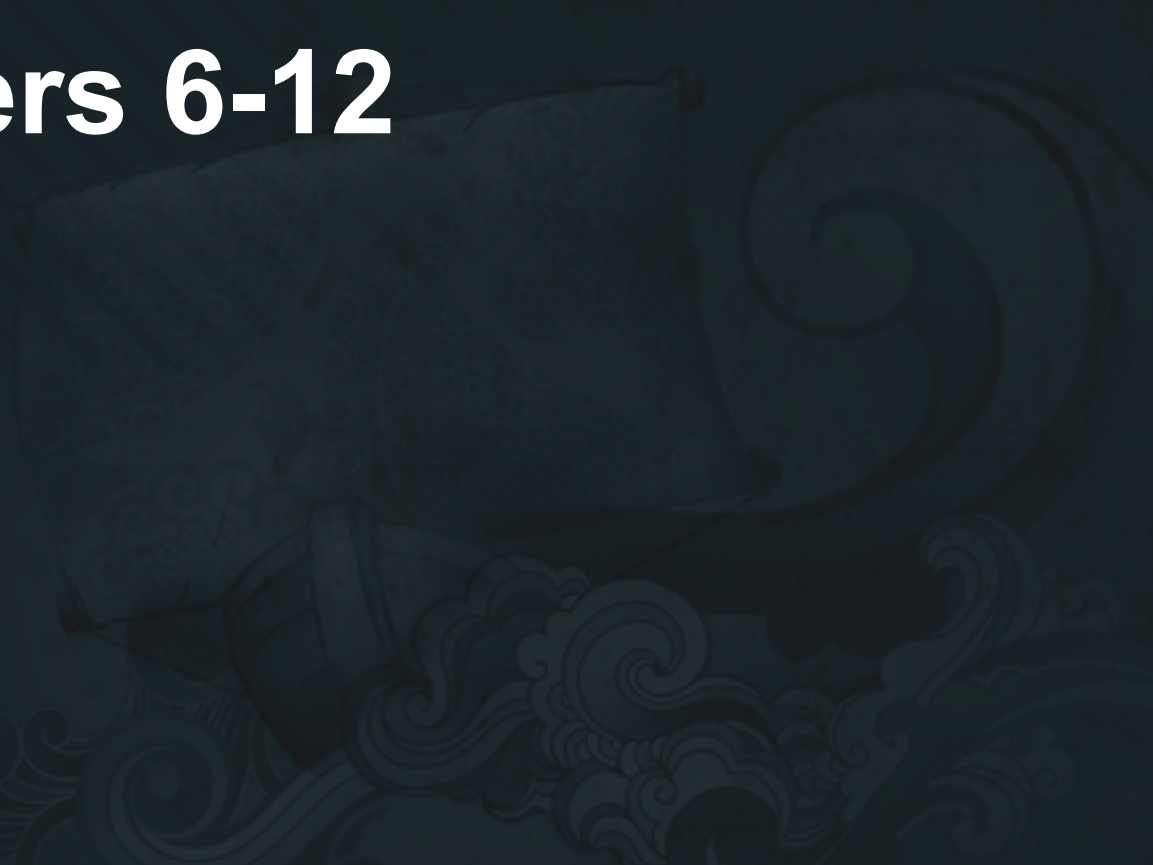


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II. The Kingdom Of God



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“Luke’s instinct in closing his great work as he did was completely right. In seeming to leave his book unfinished, he was implying that the apostolic proclamation of the gospel in the first century

**began a story that will
continue until the
consummation of the
kingdom in Christ.”**

~ Richard Longnecker

**“The Acts of the Apostles
have long ago finished. But
the acts of the followers of
Jesus will continue until the
end of the world, and their
words will spread to the
ends of the earth.”**

~ John Stott

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A. The Church



**“...I will build my church,
and the gates of hell shall
not prevail against it.”**

~ Matthew 16:18

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“Jesus said He would create something more majestic than the mountains, something that would shine brighter than the stars. Something that would provide even more powerful evidence of His presence in the world.

“I will build my church” He said, “and the gates of hell will not prevail against it”. Just as some will know that God exists because they saw Him in nature, others will say, I know Jesus is real because I saw Him in the church.

**The church, specifically
bodies of believers
assembled in local
communities, is the only
group of people with the
potential to express God's
character. Why? Because
God Himself is creating it. It
is not to be a political**

nation, an economic system, or a religious institution. None of those would express His nature clearly. Only the church, God's family who loves Him, and loves one another can express His nature to a world hungry for reality.

As believers, it is critical that we understand the significance of our life together in the local church. Our relationships form a testimony more powerful than soaring mountain peaks, or a million glimmering stars. God

**wants our lives to shine like
stars in the universe. Like
the stars and the
mountains, He wants us to
be an accurate expression
of His purpose for human
life.”**

~ Unknown

“Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach

**to the Gentiles the
unsearchable riches of
Christ, and to bring to light
for everyone what is the
plan of the mystery hidden
for ages in God who created
all things, so that through
the church the manifold**

**wisdom of God might now
be made known to the
rulers and authorities in the
heavenly places. This was
according to the eternal
purpose that he has
realized in Christ Jesus our
Lord, in whom we have**

**boldness and access with
confidence through our
faith in him. So I ask you
not to lose heart over what I
am suffering for you, which
is your glory.”**

~ Ephesians 3:7-11

“You and I have a mission that has been succeeding now for over 2000 years, and will, until the return of Jesus Christ, until the Day He returns visibly and with power! Friends, to be involved in the mission of

**proclaiming the Gospel is to
be involved in a mission
that cannot fail!”**

~ Aron Osborne

“Christ is ascended, but his abiding presence and energy fill the whole book of Acts, and the whole succeeding story of his people on earth.”

~ Chris Green

“The primary reason we should thirst for the Holy Spirit’s presence and power in our lives is so that Jesus would be proclaimed by us! The Holy Spirit makes much of Jesus! You will be my witnesses. Not just the

**Apostles, not just the early
church, but us!”**

~ Aron Osborne

