

Acts Series

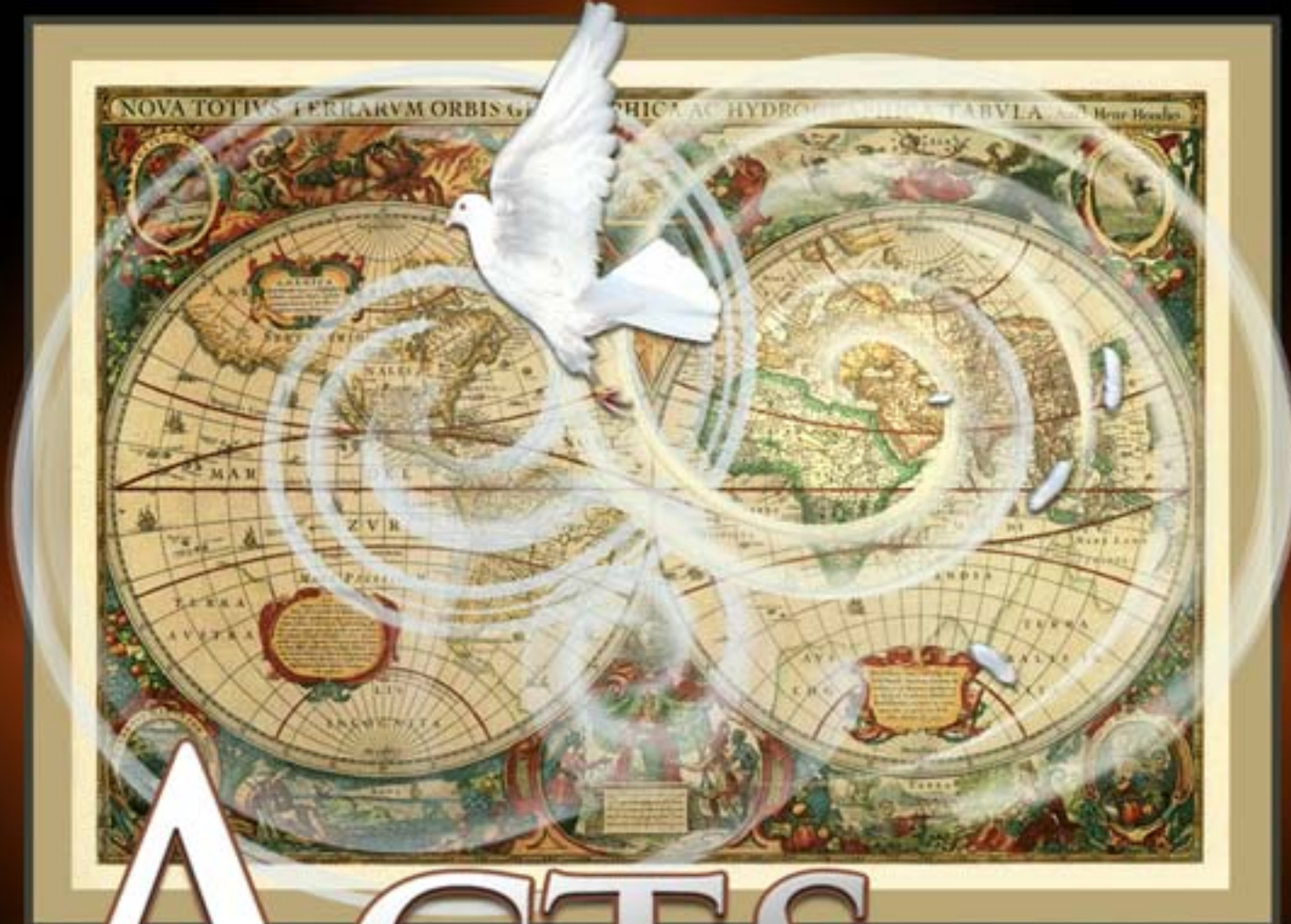
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ACTS

OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
THE CHURCH AGE BEGINS

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS
ACTS 28:11–16



ITALIA

ADRIATIC SEA

MACEDONIA

THRACE

Rome

Forum of Appius

Three Taverns

Puteoli

Thessalonica

TYRRHENIAN SEA

IONIAN SEA

AEGEAN SEA

ASIA

Sicily

Rhegium

Syracuse

Athens

Corinth

Ephesus

Cnidus

Malta

Phoenix

Fair Havens

Crete

Cauda

Lasea

Cape Salmone

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Leptis Magna

Cyrene

Syrtis Major

TRIPOLITANIA

CYRENAICA



Acts 9:15, “But the Lord said to him, ‘Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.’ ”

Acts 23:11, “But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, ‘Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome.’ ”

1. Definition of Faithfulness

אָמַן (*ʿāman*) **to confirm, support, uphold (Qal); to be established, be faithful;**

אֱמוּן (*ʿēmūn*) **faithful, trusting**

אֱמוּנָה (*ʿōmen*) **faithfulness**

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πιστός (*pistos*), adj. trustworthy, faithful

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The root idea is the concept of firmness, certainty, stability, something immoveable.

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God's faithfulness is related to His covenants.

Deut. 7:9, "Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;"

Psalm 36:5, “Your mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.”

Psalm 89:1, “A Contemplation of Ethan the Ezrahite.

“I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.”

Lamentations 3:22, “Through the LORD’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.

Lamentations 3:23, “They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.”

1 Cor. 1:9, “God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

1 Cor. 10:13, “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

2 Cor. 1:18, “But as God is faithful, our word to you was not Yes and No.”

1. Definition of Faithfulness

Divine faithfulness is God's perfect consistency with His character and promises. Faithfulness is related to His righteousness, justice, love and truth. Faithfulness means God is the only dependable reality, in a universe of flux and change.

2. God is faithful to His promises

Hebrews 10:23, “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.”

3. God is faithful to us when we fail

1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

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2 Tim. 2:11, “This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him.

2 Tim. 2:12, “If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us.

2 Tim. 2:13, “If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.”

4. God is faithful to us in testing

1 Cor. 10:13, “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

5. God's faithfulness is a divine protection for the believer in times of trouble

Psa. 91:4, "He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler."