

## PREFACE:

In the book of Acts we see the practical application of the Great Commission. People from different nations were converted and taught to observe all things.

This study guide is an attempt to help you get a more complete picture of the great efforts the first Christians put into being witnesses for Christ to the ends of the earth. In the book of Acts we see evidence of the work of others besides Peter, Philip and Paul but there is no way we can know the details. There must have been hundreds if not thousands of Christians carrying out an active witness for Christ everywhere they went. The historical account of Luke in the book of Acts and the writings of the Apostle Paul help us to see one small part of their efforts. I hope that you, the student, will feel the encouragement and the enthusiasm that I experienced as I put together this study guide. We are humbled as we see the dedication of the Christians in the first century.

I have allowed the historical facts to direct the study, but at the same time I have brought out important teachings and examples that are vital to the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

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In Christian Love,

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