

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
THE INTRINSIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BOOK OF ACTS**

Message One

**Becoming the Reproduction of Christ
to Be His Corporate Continuation**

Scripture Reading: John 12:24; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 2:6; Acts 1:8, 14; Rev. 1:5a; 3:14b

- I. In the book of Acts there is a group of believers who are the reproduction of Christ, who know the meaning of resurrection and ascension, who live by Christ as their life, who act by Christ as their power and authority, and who realize that they are the Body and act in the Body and for the Body in the one divine stream; this is the intrinsic significance of the book of Acts—John 20:22; Acts 1:8-11, 14; 2:1-4, 24, 32-33; 4:33.**
- II. Christ has a reproduction, and in His reproduction He is a grain of wheat—John 12:24:**
 - A. As a grain of wheat, the Lord Jesus fell into the ground and died in order to produce many grains as His reproduction—v. 24.
 - B. In Christ's resurrection we are His reproduction—1 Pet. 1:3:
 1. When Christ was resurrected, we, His believers, were all included in Him; we were resurrected with Him—Eph. 2:6.
 2. In His resurrection Christ imparted the divine life into us and made us, the many grains, the same as He is in life and nature to be His reproduction and His multiplication—John 12:24.
 - C. The first grain—the first God-man—was the prototype, and the many grains—the many God-men—are the mass reproduction; this is the reproduction of God—Gen. 1:26; John 20:17; Rom. 8:29.
 - D. Through His death and resurrection, the Lord Jesus produced the church as His reproduction and continuation—Heb. 2:11-12.
- III. In the book of Acts the apostles and disciples were the reproduction and continuation of the Lord Jesus:**
 - A. In the first chapter of Acts, no one cared for who was greater; instead, they prayed continually in one accord for ten days—v. 14.
 - B. The disciples became the reproduction of Christ by having the resurrected Christ within them as their life—John 14:19-20; 20:22:
 1. The Lord Jesus had brought them through His death and into His resurrection, and He had wrought Himself into them—Gal. 2:20; Eph. 2:6.
 2. By passing through the processes through which the Lord Jesus had passed, the disciples were replaced by Him—Rom. 6:4-6; Gal. 2:20:
 - a. By replacing the believers with Himself, He made them the same as He is in life and nature—1 John 2:6; 4:17.
 - b. By passing through the Lord's death and resurrection His disciples became His reproduction—His increase, development, enlargement, and continuation—John 12:24.

3. In Acts the disciples are the Lord's continuation, following Him to live a life according to God's New Testament economy—John 6:57.

IV. The Lord Jesus is the faithful and true Witness; as His reproduction and continuation, the apostles and disciples in Acts were His witnesses—living witnesses of the resurrected Christ—Rev. 1:5a; 3:14b; Acts 1:8, 22; 4:30.