

## AXE OF TRANSITION

1. The Book of Acts is a DIVIDING book of Transition
2. Until Acts, God is dealing primarily w/ Israel, specifically down to the Jew. (OT-John)
3. After Acts, God is deals w/ the church, but resumes to Israel after the rapture. (Heb-Rev)
4. Below are a few notable TRANSITIONS in the Book of Acts.
  - a. The parallel ministries of the Apostle Peter to the Apostle Paul (Gal 2:7)
  - b. The geography commissioned in (Acts 1:8) – Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, Uttermost:  
Note God’s direction from EAST (NORTH) to WEST
  - c. The people: Shem(Israel: Acts 2); Ham(Ethiopian: Acts 8); Japheth(Cornelius: Acts 10)  
Note the direction: EAST (SOUTH) to WEST
  - d. The work of the Holy Spirit:
    - i. POWER (Acts 1:5-8); Does a witness remain silent, or does he speak up?
    - ii. UTTERANCE/SPEECH (Acts 2:3-6) coupled with speaking up (by def.)
    - iii. BOLDNESS (Acts 3-4:31) coupled with speaking up
    - iv. SIGNS/MIRACLES (Acts 5:12-32) coupled with speaking up(v20)
    - v. WISDOM (Acts 6:3,10) coupled with speaking up (Acts 7)

Note: the transitional direction (iv. to v.): Signs>Wisdom (1Cor 1:22 vs. Rom 1:16)

5. Would you now expect the baptisms in Acts to be all the same or transitioning?
  - i. (1:5) John
  - ii. (2:38) \*THE APOSTLE PETER\* to Israel
  - iii. (8:12-16) Phillip in Samaria “Baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus”  
What does that mean? Not complete, as Peter & John came as “finishers”
  - iv. (8:26) Phillip in Gaza Desert – Ethiopian Eunuch (8:37) FIRST GENTILE noted.
  - v. (9:17-18) \*THE APOSTLE PAUL\* himself (Individual vs. National)
  - vi. (10:47) Cornelius (Italian)
  - vii. (16:15) Lydia of Thyatira
  - viii. (16:33) Philippian Jailer
  - ix. (18:8) Many of the Corinthians
  - x. (18:25) Apollos had John’s Baptism (insufficient)
  - xi. (19:1-7) Apollos’ disciples at Ephesus BY PAUL
  - xii. (22:16) PAUL’s baptism Testified

***Application: If you find contradictions between a transitional book like Acts, and the LATER writings of PAUL in his 13 epistles to the church, which take precedence in the Church Age?***