

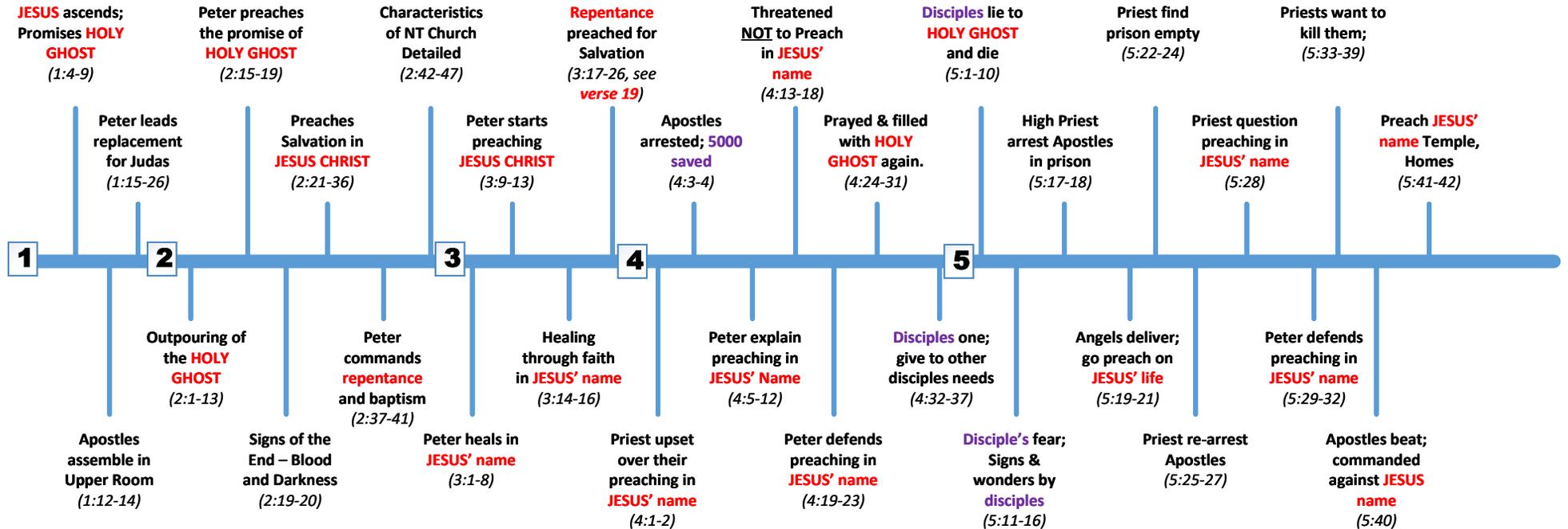


# JESUS CHRIST and the Characteristics of the NT Church

(Based on first five chapters of the Book of Acts)



I believe the first five chapters of Book of Acts provide a comprehensive description of the characteristics of the NT Church. The NT Church is composed of **NT Disciples**, individuals who have **REPENTED**, accepted **JESUS CHRIST** by faith, and have been **BAPTIZED!** The diagram below allows you to walk through the first five chapters and examine the focus and characteristics of the NT Church.



Preached in <b>JESUS NAME!</b>	Filled with <b>HOLY GHOST</b>	Disciples feared <b>GOD!</b>	Healed in <b>JESUS' name</b>	Met in Houses (Their homes)	Apostle's doctrines	<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>
Taught of <b>JESUS</b> in Temple	<h2>Key Characteristics</h2>				Breaking of Bread	
<b>REPENTANCE</b> and <b>BAPTISM</b>	Disciples Continued on one accord	Disciples had "ALL" things common	Disciples sold possessions to obtain funds	Gave to meet disciple's <b>NEEDS!</b>	Bodies are the Temple of <b>HOLY GHOST</b>	Continuing in Prayers



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### JESUS CHRIST and the Characteristics of the New Testament (NT) Church (Based on the 1<sup>st</sup> five chapters in the Book of Acts) October 1, 2022 (Version 3)

This **diagram** aims to provide individuals with a picture of the NT Church based on the *Book of Acts*. In addition, this Scriptural outline of the first five chapters provides a lens into Acts that may escape the casual readers. (NOTE: This chart is an excerpt from Kelvin's book, "*Paul, The Moses of the New Testament Church*" available at Galilee Publishing's online store: <http://www.GalileePublishingShop.com> )

The **top of the diagram** shows how prominently and frequently the Name of **JESUS CHRIST** appears in just these first five chapters, which record the history of the beginning of the NT Church. The diagram depicts how all teaching and preaching were done strictly in the Name of **JESUS CHRIST**. You also learn about the healing done through the Name of **JESUS CHRIST**. Notes to help with reading the timeline:

1. **Numbers on the Timeline:** mark the chapter divisions. **Chapter 1** begins on the **left**. **Chapter 5** is at the **end of the timeline**
2. **Shorter lines extending above and below the timeline:** The **first scripture reference is above the timeline**. The **second scripture reference is below the timeline**. The **remaining scriptures continually alternate from above to below the timeline**
3. **Red lettering, capitalization, and bolding:** The names of **JESUS CHRIST** and the **HOLY GHOST** are fully capitalized, bold, and colored red to draw attention to how much the Name of **JESUS CHRIST** is used and how essential the **HOLY GHOST** is to being a disciple of **JESUS CHRIST**.

The **bottom of the diagram** shows the Characteristics of the NT Church based primarily on the description provided in Acts 2:42-47. It also includes other characteristics found in the Scriptural Patterns of the NT Church seen throughout the first five chapters of Acts. Characteristics include: (1) **Preached in JESUS' name**, (2) **Filled with the HOLY GHOST**, (3) **Disciples feared GOD**, (4) **Healed in JESUS' name**, (5) **met in houses**, (6) **followed the Apostles' doctrines**, (7) **fellowship**, (8) **breaking of bread**, (9) **continuing in prayers**, (10) **bodies are the temple of the HOLY GHOST**, (11) **gave to meet disciple's needs**, (12) **disciples sold possessions to obtain funds to give**, (13) **disciples had all things common**, (14) **disciples continued on one accord**, (15) **preached repentance and baptism**, and (16) **taught of JESUS in the temple**.

**SUMMARY:** It became **striking how many times** the names of **JESUS CHRIST** and the **HOLY GHOST** were mentioned in the Book of Acts' first five chapters. To bring home what I saw in my imagination, I created this chart to help individuals visualize the pattern I saw. This chart captures what materialized in my imagination. Then I wondered when, where, how, and why did the **Organized Church STOP preaching and teaching** about **JESUS CHRIST** and the POWER in **His name**? When did the **Organized Church STOP** emphasizing that NT Disciples **MUST be BORN AGAIN** and **FILLED** with the **HOLY GHOST**?

**JESUS** and the **HOLY GHOST** seem to be **rarely mentioned in the Organized Church's pulpits and teachings**.

**I challenge you to read and study the Holy Scriptures and decide for yourself!** The early NT Church did NOT know how to move or operate without the **HOLY GHOST**! Many were diligent in reading all the writings of the Apostles.

I challenge you to rediscover the Holy Scriptures and to seek to be led by the **HOLY GHOST**!