

Mid Acts or Acts 28?

Part 12

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Last time

Did “The body of Christ” survive the Acts 28 boundary?

1 Cor. 12:27

The Body of Christ

Eph. 4:12

The Body of Christ

Compare:

Do you think PAul would confuse the sussoma with “the body of Christ”

- 28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers,
 - after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.
- 29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?
- 30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?
- 31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.
- 1 Cor 12:28-31

- 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
- 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:
- 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
- Eph 4:11-14

The Body of 1 Cor 12 was intimately connected with a privileged Israel.

KJV Ephesians 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

TBT Ephesians 4:12 πρὸς τὸν *καταρτισμὸν* τῶν ἁγίων, εἰς ἔργον διακονίας, εἰς οἰκοδομὴν τοῦ σώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

KJV 1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.¹

TBT 1 Corinthians 12:13 καὶ γὰρ ἐν ἐνὶ Πνεύματι ἡμεῖς πάντες εἰς ἓν σῶμα ἐβαπτίσθημεν, εἴτε Ἰουδαῖοι εἴτε Ἑλληνες, εἴτε δοῦλοι εἴτε ἐλεύθεροι· καὶ πάντες εἰς ἓν Πνεῦμα ἐποτίσθημεν.

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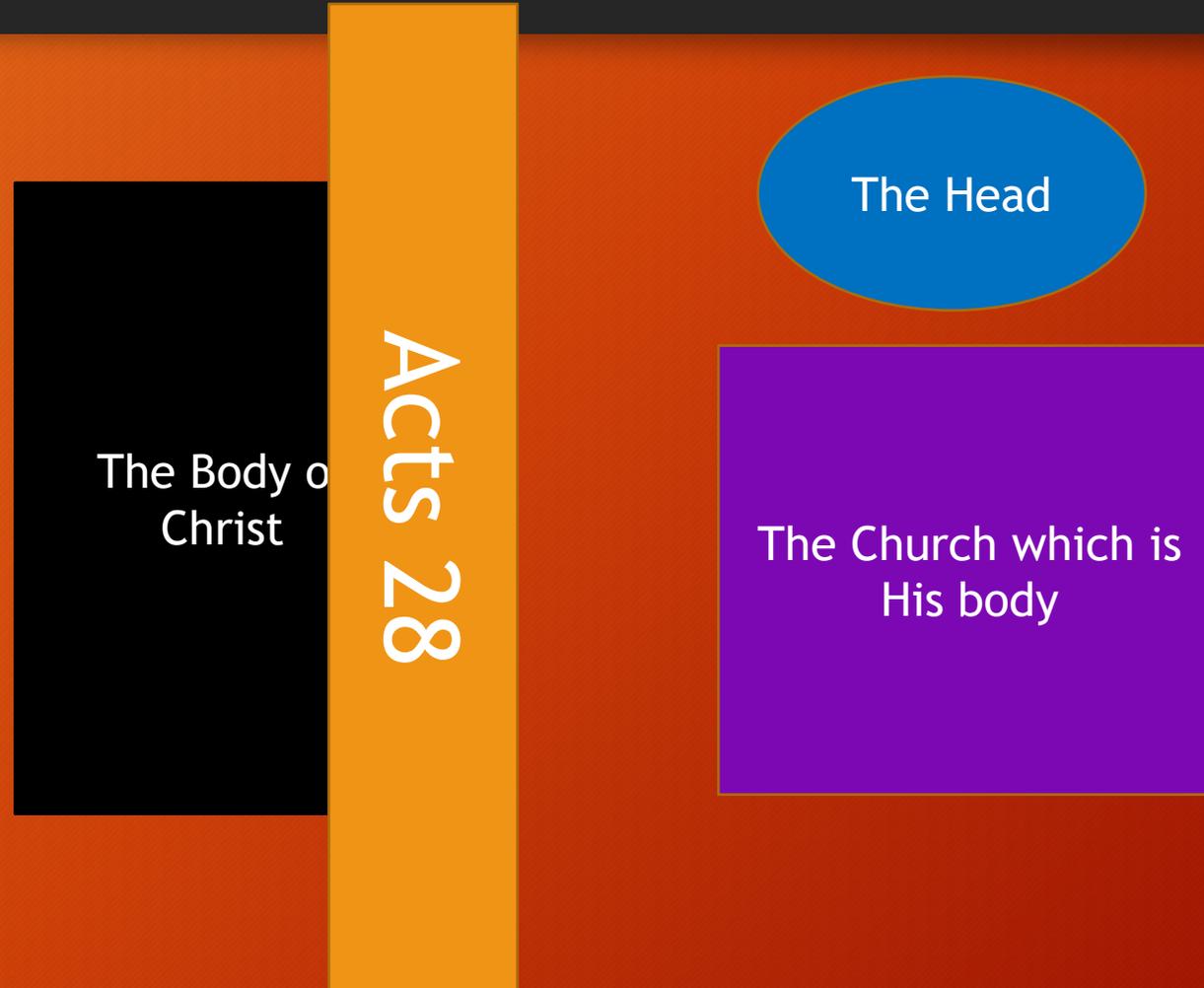
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Gifts - 2 Tim 1:6 - -1 Tim 5:23

- KJV 2 Timothy 4:20 Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.
- TBT 2 Timothy 4:20 Ἐραστος ἔμεινεν ἐν Κορίνθῳ· Τρόφιμον δὲ ἀπέλιπον ἐν Μιλήτῳ ἀσθενοῦντα.

Evidence of spiritual gifts surviving the Acts 28 boundary

- 1 Tim. 4:13,14 - Neglect not the gift (could be a pastoral gift)
- 2 Tim 1:6 - stir up
- Compare
- Ezekiel 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

How much did Paul know concerning “The Mystery”?

- Acts 20:19-23
- Acts 20: 27
- In addition he did not declare anything outside of the Law and prophets while ministering in Acts.

- Acts 8:18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,
- 1 Timothy 4:14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.
- Hebrews 6:2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

“Laying on of hands”

1) In Consecration of Offerings {#Le 1:4 3:2 4:15 16:21}

Today (taken from “Life Through His name” by CH Welch)

BEREAN CHARTS.		TWO MINISTRIES SINCE ACTS 28 JOHN "GUESTS"; PAUL "BODY"		NUMBER THIRTEEN.	
		MATT. XXII.			
First invitation to Marriage.		They would not come.		(Period)	
(Gospels)					
Second invitation to Marriage.		They made light of it.		(Period)	
(Acts)					
Israel set aside.		City destroyed.			
Acts XXVIII.					
John the Christ Only	Paul the Prisoner	Elder	Christ, the Image	The Word	Beotten
His Fulness	First born	we receive	Fulness...ye complete	of God	
Children	Adoption of sons	things	Heavenly Places	above all	
Heavenly	Far above all heavens	ascend	He ascended	Bridegroom	sheep
From heaven	Perfect Man	may know	Pr. & Powers may know	branches	Overthrow
Where before	Pastors	Mansions	Head & Members	Chosen before overthrow	Manifested in Glory
Friend of					
Other					
World					
Vine &					
Glory before					
Many					
Gospel of John.		Ephesians			
The World		The Church			
Non-Jewish		To Gentiles			
Jn. 11-Acts xxviii.		Mystery			
The other sheep		Israel set aside			
Signs		No miraculous gifts.			

This is that:

Last Days

- 16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;
- 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:
- 18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:
- 19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:
- 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:
- 21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.
- Acts 2: 16-21

How extensive are the “last days”?

- 1 ¶ The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
- 2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.
- 3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
- 4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
- 5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Isaiah 2:1-5

House of prayer

- Isaiah 56:7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.
- Matthew 21:13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.
- Mark 11:17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.
- Luke 19:46 Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves.

- Isaiah 56:6-8
- 6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;
- 7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.
- 8 The Lord GOD which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.

The salvation of God

- Acts 13:46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

What salvific message and hope did
The gentiles receive?

The salvation of God

- Acts 18:6 And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook *his* raiment, and said unto them, Your blood *be* upon your own heads; I *am* clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

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The Salvation of God

- Psalms 50:23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.
- Luke 3:6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
- Acts 28:28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.

What salvific message and hope did
The gentiles receive?

What changed?

Salvation of God

Acts 28:25-
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The Kingdom of God

- Acts 20:25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.
- Acts 28:23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified **the kingdom of God**, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.
- Acts 28:31 Preaching **the kingdom of God**, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

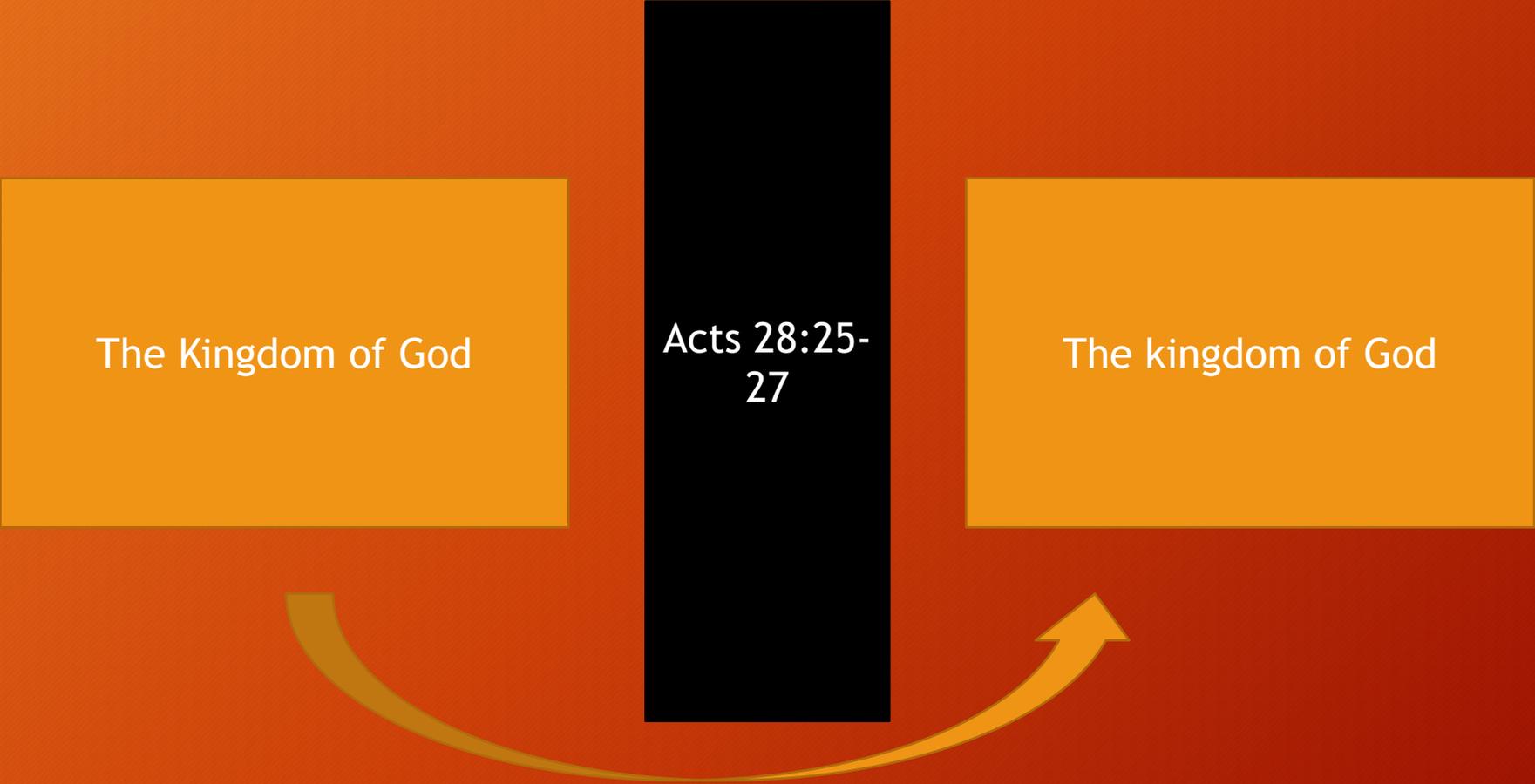
→ Paul uses the expression from prison Col 4:11

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Another ministry? Matt. 22:1-10

- 1 And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said,
- 2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,
- 3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.
- 4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.
- 5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:
- 6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.
- 7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.
- 8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.
- 9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.
- 10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests

Other sheep, addressed to the world Acts 28:28 context John 1:11

- John 10:16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.



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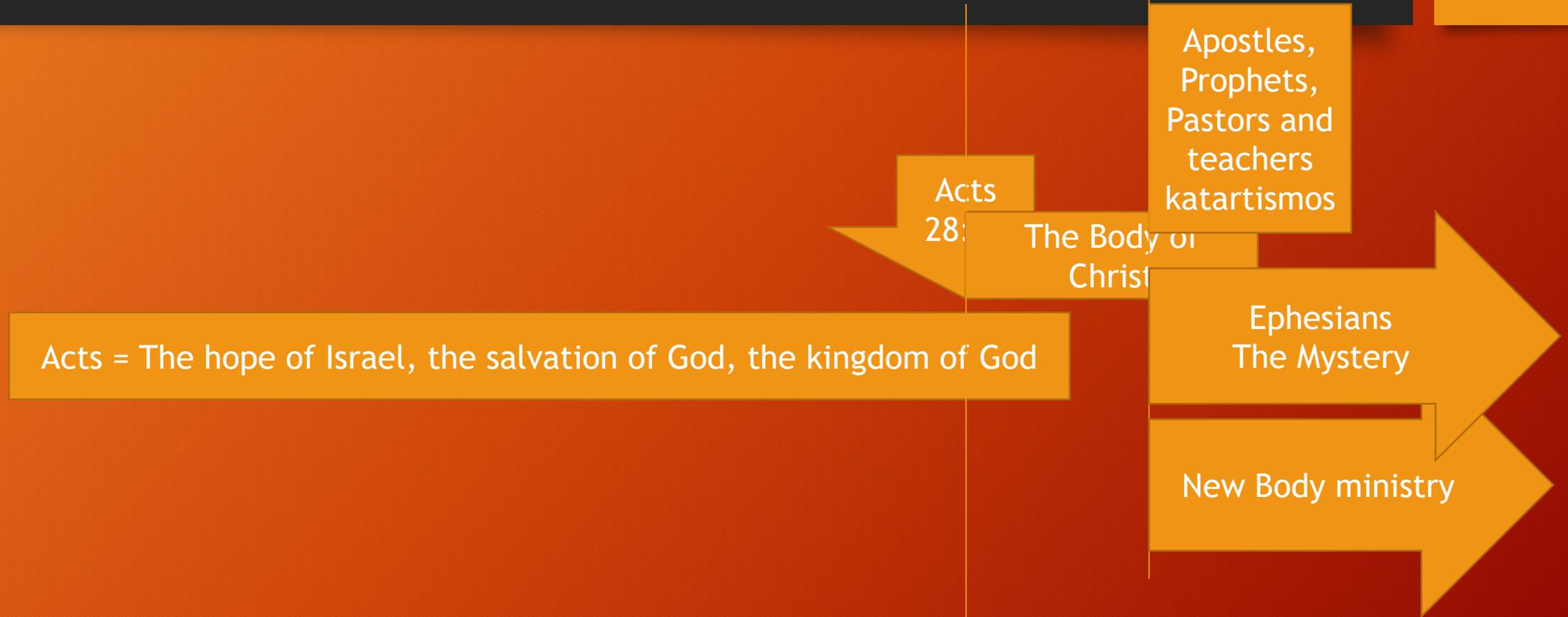
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Questions, assuming the correctness of the previous

- 1) Who were the ministers of the highways and byways ministry?
- 2) Does it continue today?
- 3) What happened to believers who were “part” of the body of Christ and did not accept the new revelation (apostolic gift in action)?
- 4) What happened to the ministry of the “perfectors”? Does it continue “as is” today?
- 5) Does “the body of Christ” exist today?