Then And Now

               2. Acts presents historical, doctrinal, as well as practical truths.
               3. Let’s examine just a few of these truths in this lesson.

I. The Beginning of the Church
   A. Acts 2 is sometimes called the “hub” of the Bible.
   B. Prior to it, the prophets looked forward to this day, following it, the apostles
      and prophets looked back to this day as the beginning of the kingdom, the
      church.
   C. (Matthew 16:18-19; Colossians 1:13).

II. God’s Two Laws of Pardon
    A. There are two kinds of sinners who are in need of salvation, and each are
       given different instructions concerning their salvation.
    B. The Alien (non-Christian) Sinner
       2. Repent and be baptized.
    C. The Christian Sinner
       2. Repent and pray.

III. The Power of the Gospel
     A. (Romans 1:16).
     C. It should serve to remind us not to be selective with whom we share the
        gospel.

IV. The Early Church’s Evangelistic Zeal
    B. Evangelism was the work of the church, not a select few.
    C. We preach that the Bible does not advocate a clergy/laiety system, yet our
       practice may betray what we preach.

Conclusion: 1. There are several facts in the book of Acts that would do us good to
              consider and then put into practice today.
              2. Hopefully, the facts we mentioned above will help to remind us of
                 some historical, doctrinal, and practical truths from God’s word.