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Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.—*Peter*. On this Rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.—*The Lord Messiah*.

STUDY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.

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ALREADY has it been made apparent to even our superficial readers, if indeed we have any, that the grand design of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, was, through their testimonies, to convince the world that Jesus of Nazareth was the true Messiah, the son of the living God. A confession of this truth should be equivalent to saying, "I believe that God's own son died for *my sins*—I am convinced that he rose for *my justification*. Now, men and brethren, what shall I do to enjoy the benefits purchased by his life, and death, and exaltation? What shall I do to spread his fame that others may enjoy the like benefits?" That section in the New Testament called the "Acts of Apostles" is the divinely authorized answer to these questions. From no other portion of the Book do we have a full proclamation of the gospel facts, commands, and promises. He who would have a scriptural knowledge of the way of salvation through the Lord Messiah, must study attentively the Acts of Apostles. To all the world we commend the following:

INTRODUCTION TO THE ACTS OF APOSTLES.

BY A. CAMPBELL.

THIS book has been sometimes titled "*The Gospel of the Holy Spirit*;" because it is the only book which gives us an account of his descent and splendid operations in the confirmation of the mission of the Apostles. It has also been styled "*The Gospel of the Gentiles*;" because it is the only source of information on their calling and fellowship with the Jews, in the blessings of the reign of Messiah the Great King. In most of the Greek copies of the New Testament it is called "*The Acts or Transactions of the Apostles*;" because it exhibits their labors in planting Christianity in the world. This name, however, does not fully comport with the contents of the book. It is not *the Acts of the Apostles*, but *Acts of Apostles*; because only a few transactions of a few Apostles are mentioned in it. By Chrysostom, one of the Greek Fathers, it is named "*The Book, the Demonstration of the Resurrection*."

It does not appear that Luke designed to write what might be called an ecclesiastical history of his own times, nor an account of the labors