

BIBLE IN A YEAR- The Acts, Church Established

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5. **Sacrificial** not **Disobedient** (Acts 6:8-15; 7:54, 59-60).

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ACTS

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