

The Active Church

Acts 5:12-28

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I. Power in the Church. Acts 5:12-14

We again see the Church acting in one accord in these verses, as they were all together in Solomon's porch. What a great move of the power of the Holy Spirit displayed _____ their unity.

- After the death of Ananias and Sapphira for hypocrisy, the Christians gained a reputation for integrity, as the community realized how _____ it was to become a follower of Jesus.

Once the Church is focused on glorifying Christ, we should show people how to have a true relationship with Him, _____ authentic believers, and be fruitful! **Ephesians 4:11-12**

- "They're dying (the church) because things have changed, and they haven't caught the wind of the change. They haven't been able to _____ quickly enough." (Outreach Magazine)

II. The LORD's plan implemented. Acts 5:15-21

As a student of Church History, you will soon discover that the church has never _____ through times of peace.

- There is a good lesson for us. We should stop fighting people on _____ issues and preach the Words of eternal life to the lost and dying! **Exodus 14:14**

The LORD was saying, "I will take care of these men trying to stop you; you preach _____ to these people who have no hope!" **Luke 19:10**

III. The Apostles on trial again. Acts 5:22-28

Proverbs 29:18 When people do not accept divine _____, they run wild. **NLT**

1. Spiritual cataracts of mistaken _____. **Matthew 6:33**
2. Spiritual cataracts of worldly _____. **2 Timothy 4:10**
3. Spiritual cataracts of worldly _____. **Matthew 25:23**
4. Spiritual cataracts of worldly _____. **Matthew 16:26**

IV. Practical Application.

"By allowing the Holy Spirit to work in and through us, we can fulfill the Great Commission to **go therefore and make** _____."

- We can only live godly lives by surrendering and _____ the Holy Spirit to have control of our lives. **Galatians 5:16-17**

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Acts 5:12**. Why was the Holy Spirit so active during this time? Did the unity of the Church have anything to do with the miracles that were taking place?
Proverbs 6:16-19, Acts 2:46-47, Acts 4:29-30, Ephesians 4:30, 1 Thessalonians 5:19, Hebrews 2:4
2. Read **Acts 5:13-14**. Discuss the potential different meanings to the statement, "**Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly.**" Why were so many people joining the Church at that time?
Proverbs 29:18, Matthew 28:18-20, Ephesians 4:11-16
3. Read **Acts 5:15-21**. Why would the religious leaders be upset by the LORD moving in their midst? Why do you think the Church grows the most during times of trial and hardship? What should we do during times of attack?
Exodus 14:14, Psalm 27:2-12, Luke 19:10, John 10:10, Ephesians 6:10-18
4. Read **Acts 5:22-28**. Discuss the four points about spiritual cataracts listed in point III. of the sermon note sheet.
Matthew 6:33, Matthew 16:26, Matthew 25:23, 1 Timothy 6:6-7, 2 Timothy 4:10
5. Discuss the Practical Application of the sermon.
2 Corinthians 5:14-15, Galatians 5:16-17, Ephesians 2:10