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The Impact of the Church of Acts

Acts 5:12-16

I. This Was a Powerful Church (v. 12)

- A. _____ purity (Acts 5:1-11; Heb. 4:13; Matt. 18:15-17; 1 Cor. 5:4-7)
- B. _____ signs and wonders (Matt. 10:5-8; Lk. 10:1, 17-19; Mk. 6:12-13; Rom. 15:18-19; 2 Cor. 12:12; Heb. 2:3-4)
- C. _____ unity (Acts 1:14; Psa. 133)

II. This Was a Respected Church (v. 13)

- A. A _____ of judgment (Lev. 10:1-2; 2 Sam. 6:1-7; Num. 16:20-35)
1. You can't _____ yourself up! (2 Cor. 5:17)
2. You don't have to be _____ of God! (2 Cor. 5:21)
- B. A _____ for good works (Matt. 5:14-16)

III. This Was a Growing Church (v. 14)

- A. The church of Acts was _____ (Acts 2:41, 47; 4:4; 6:1, 7; 9:31)
- B. The church today is still _____ (Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13-14; Gal. 3:28; 1 Jn. 2:19)

IV. This Was a Healing Church (vv. 15-16)

- A. The new believers _____ the sick to be healed (v. 15) [Mk. 2:1-5; 5:28-29]
- B. The sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits were _____ healed (v. 16) [Jn. 14:13-14; Jn. 6:1-14; 2 Cor. 12:12; 1 Cor. 1:22; Acts 1:8]

TAKE HOME

- What is the connection between the power of God displayed in verses 12-16 with the purifying of the church in verses 1-11?
- What would you say to someone who says they are afraid to come to church because they haven't cleaned up their life yet?
- What's the purpose of the miracles that the Apostles performed?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Briefly review Acts 5:1-11. How does this show that the church of Acts was pursuing purity? How does Hebrews 4:13 and Matthew 18:15-17 help hold our feet to the fire?

2. Read Acts 5:12. Discuss how the power of the church comes out of the purity of the church. Why did God give the Apostles power to perform great miracles? (Rom. 15:18-19; 2 Cor. 12:12; Heb. 2:3-4)

3. Read Acts 5:13. Why was there such a fear of judgment? Was this a good thing or a bad thing? Discuss when some may be too fearful and when others may not be fearful enough. (Lev. 10:1-2; 2 Sam. 6:1-7; Num. 16:20-35)

4. Why do you think the people in Jerusalem still held the Apostles in high esteem even if they did not believe? Is that still happening in our culture today?

5. Read Acts 5:14. Why do you think the church of Acts was exploding? Do you believe the church today is still growing? (Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13-14; Gal. 3:28; 1 Jn. 2:19)

6. Read Acts 5:15-16. What inspires you about the faith of these new converts bringing the sick and afflicted to be healed? (Mk. 2:1-5; 5:28-29)

7. What is the difference in the healing of the Apostles in Acts and the so called “faith healers” today? Does God still heal? How does that work? What’s the most important healing that God does?

8. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will your life be different because of what you have learned from this passage?

“But the church is not built on marketing strategies or pragmatic advertisement schemes or feel-good programs. The church is built on the power of God’s Word and Spirit.”

- Albert Mohler, *Acts 1-12 For You*