

Living a Christ-Centered Life

LESSON 29: A Christ-centered Life is a Very Serious Life

In **Acts 5**, we see that faith in Jesus starts to become more than just a life of faith, but a dangerous and serious life. There are threats to the church from the Jewish leaders; and God is teaching hard lessons to the church to keep them living the righteous life.

Questions to consider

1. In your opinion, would the church be stronger or weaker if there was persecution; or if God punished sin directly and personally?
2. Is fear a good motivator for righteous living?
3. What are current circumstances that prove that the church is living in serious times?

Word Study Challenge

V.3 “Filled”

V.5 “Fear”

V.9 “Test”

V.17 “Jealousy”

V.41 “Worthy”

Read Acts 5:1-11 Serious Christians live by truth and honesty in all circumstances.

- What does it mean to “lie to the Holy Spirit?”
- What was the point of the death penalty?

Read Acts 5:12-29 Serious Christians do what is right regardless of the consequences.

- In v.v.12-13, it shows growth in spite of fear. What made the church grow in this circumstance?
- Why would God put the disciples at risk for publically proclaiming Jesus?
- Why did the counsel just flog the Apostles instead of having them executed?
- What was the attitude of the Apostles? Was the effect on the church positive or negative?