

EXECUTION OF JUSTICE

Judgment for Hypocrisy in the Church

Acts 5:1-16

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Outline:

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| 1) The Witness to Jerusalem | Acts 1:1-8:3 |
| 2) The Witness to Judea and Samaria | Acts 8:4-12:24 |
| 3) The Witness to the Ends of the Earth | Acts 12:25-21:14 |
| 4) From Jerusalem to Rome | Acts 21:15-28:31 |

Theme: God demands that His church maintain moral purity, resist Satan’s temptation and demonstrate genuine faith.

Key Verse: Acts 5:3 But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back *some* of the price of the land?

I. The Sinful Act Exposed 1-5

- 1. It was not a sin:**
 - a. To own property**
 - b. To sell property and keep the proceeds**
 - c. To sell property and give a portion of the proceeds to the church**
- 2. It is sinful:**
 - a. To yield to Satan's temptation**
 - b. To lie to the Holy Spirit**
 - c. To conspire together to deceive men in order to exalt yourself.**

II. The Judgment Rendered 5-6

- 1. After Ananias' sin was exposed, God's judgment followed quickly.**
- 2. The execution of judgment caused all the people to fear the wrath of God.**
- 3. Ananias' body was buried immediately.**

III. The Process Repeated

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- 1. After Sapphira's sin was exposed, God's judgment followed quickly.**
- 2. Sapphira's body was buried immediately.**
- 3. The execution of judgment caused the church and others to fear God's power.**

IV. The Church Grows

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- 1. The apostles were empowered to do many miracles to authenticate their ministry.**
- 2. The explosive growth of the church continued, in spite of persecution and judgment.**
- 3. Vast numbers of people, expanding beyond Jerusalem, were being impacted by the apostle's ministry.**

V. Application

- 1. Believers are to maintain moral purity in the church.**
- 2. Believers are to resist Satan's temptations.**
- 3. Believers are to demonstrate a genuine faith motivated by the love of God.**

Psalm 51:1-2. Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. 2Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin.

Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.