

# **EXECUTION OF JUSTICE**



*Judgment for Hypocrisy in the Church*

# **Outline:**

- 1) The Witness to Jerusalem**
- 2) The Witness to Judea and Samaria**
- 3) The Witness to the Ends of the Earth**
- 4) From Jerusalem to Rome**

**Acts 1:1-8:3**

**Acts 8:4-12:24**

**Acts 12:25-21:14**

**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?**

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- c. To conspire together to deceive men in order to exalt yourself.**



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