

Fighting Against God

“if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them”

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Acts 5:17-42

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Theme: Unbelievers, although dead in their sins, actively pursue their own desires, deny their sin against God, reject the Gospel, fight against God but through the power of the Holy Spirit, some will respond in repentance and faith in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, we must be faithful and persistent in presenting the Gospel to others in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Understand that unbelievers _____ - v. 17-21a

1. The high priest and his fellow Sadducees were filled with _____
2. The high priest and his fellow Sadducees had the apostles _____
3. During the night, an angel of the Lord released the apostles from prison and commanded them to teach _____ in the temple area and they obeyed

Understand that unbelievers _____ - v. 21b-28

1. When the high priest and his fellow Sadducees ordered the prisoners to be brought to the Sanhedrin, they discovered the prison was _____, guards _____ and _____
2. The apostles were discovered _____ in the temple area - _____ the Sanhedrin
3. The captain of the temple guard and his men _____ brought the apostles back before the Sanhedrin
4. The high priest was _____ to Jesus, charged the apostles with _____ to the authority of the Sanhedrin and charged the apostles with _____ on the Sanhedrin

Understand that unbelievers _____ - v. 29-33

1. First, Peter responded to the question of _____ - the authority of God _____ the authority of men and thus when in conflict, the authority of God must be _____
2. Second, Peter responded to their disrespect of Jesus - Jesus was _____ up by the God of our fathers and Jesus was _____ to the right hand of the Father with full authority as Prince and Savior to grant _____
3. Third, Peter charged them with _____ by hanging Him on a _____
4. The Response: The Sanhedrin was _____ and they _____ the apostles

Understand that unbelievers are enemies of the true God - v. 34-40

1. Gamaliel presented two significant leaders whose followers _____ after their deaths - Theudas and Judas of Galilee
2. Gamaliel advised the Sanhedrin to leave the apostles alone claiming that if their actions were of _____, it would eventually _____. But if their actions were of God, they would not be able to _____ them and they could be found “_____”
3. The Response: The Sanhedrin _____ the advice of Gamaliel but _____ before releasing them

Understand that unbelievers need to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ - v. 41-42

1. The apostles were _____ that they had been considered _____ to suffer in the name of Jesus Christ
2. The apostles _____ and _____ taught and preached the gospel of Jesus Christ both in the _____ and in the _____

Implications

Understand that unbelievers are driven by temporal desires
Understand that unbelievers are in denial of their sin against God
Understand that unbelievers are opposed to the Gospel
Understand that unbelievers are enemies of the true God
Understand that unbelievers need to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ

Remember it is the _____ which enables us to witness
Remember it is the _____ which pricks the hearts of new believers