

LEARNING WITH LUKE - ACTS 5:1-16 **TIME FOR DISCIPLINE** P.1085 PEW BIBLE

Acts 4:31-34 - and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul...and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them... **Acts 5:1-14** - but a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property...and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit? ...he fell down and breathed his last... (Sapphira) fell down at his feet and breathed her last.. And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things. Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles... And more than ever believers were added to the Lord.

The death of Ananias and Sapphira was divine judgment, with three valuable lessons: the gravity of their sin, the sacredness of the human conscience, and the necessity of church discipline, because God hates hypocrisy. -JRW Stott

1- Unity of the Disciples of Christ - koinonia

Acts 4:23-31 - filled with the Holy Spirit

Acts 4:32-37 - of one heart and soul

"The church is the ekklesia, the called-out gathered-together assembly of the congregation of the people in Christ."

A church is a group of Christians who assemble as an earthly embassy of Christ's heavenly kingdom, to proclaim the good news and commands of Christ the King; to affirm one another as His citizens, through the ordinances, and to display God's own holiness and love through a unified and diverse people in all the world, following the teaching and example of elders. -REDISCOVER CHURCH - www.9marks.org/rediscover-church-free-download/

2- Dis-unity of the Body of Christ - counterfeit

Acts 5:1-11 - testing the Spirit of God

Josh 6:18-19, 7:1,10-12,19-26 - Achan

1Cor 11:17-34 - divisions & the Lord's Table

1John 5:16, Acts 9:8-18, 13:4-12 - blindness

Acts 5:12-16 - great grace of the Spirit

The idea of divine judgment (1-11) is strange and even offensive to modern minds, but is an indisputable reality in the New Testament. The virus of sin could not have been allowed in the early days of the church, to corrupt and paralyze the apostles' testimony, which was vindicated with the new outpouring of the Spirit (12-16) -James Philip

3- Disciplining the Disciples - training

Acts 5:11 - ekklesia (church)

Matt 18:15-20 - individual discipline

1Cor 5-6 - corporate discipline

5:1-2 - sexual immorality

5:9-13, Deut 17:7 - purge the evil

6:9-11 - such were some of you

Private sins should be dealt with privately and public sins publicly, in successive stages as Jesus taught. -JRW Stott

The process of church discipline seeks to bring restoration, for sins that are unrepented, verified, and significant.

It affirms a member's profession of faith, or removes that affirmation if they won't repent. -REDISCOVER CHURCH

4- Training of the Ekklesia - growth

Heb 12:1-17 - discipline of the Lord

Eph 4:15-16 - building up the Body

John 14:21,31,15:10 - love, faith, obedience

If you want love, return to God. The purpose of the loving process of Biblical church discipline is to expose sin, warn of judgment, rescue the sinner, protect the church, and preserve the church's witness...as love and faith lead to obedience.

When churches practice discipline, it is for love...love for the sinner's sake, to come to repentance...love for the church members' sake, that they would not be led astray...love for the non-Christian neighbors' sake, that they won't see worldliness in the church...and love for Christ's sake, that we represent His name rightly. -REDISCOVER CHURCH

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11-13 **Matt 18:15-20** - faults

11-14 **1Cor 5:1-13** - immorality

11-15 **1Cor 6:9-11** - sanctified

11-16 **1Cor 11:17-34** - judged

11-17 **Heb 12:1-17** - discipline

11-18 **John 14:21-31** - commands

11-19 **Ephesians 4:15-16** - growth

The Spirit of God works the Word of God so the people of God become like the Son of God

♦ How will I be transformed, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey?

ACTS of the
Ascended
Lord Jesus Christ