

LEARNING WITH LUKE - ACTS 5:11-16 TIME FOR EKKLESIA P.1085 PEW BIBLE

Acts 5:11-16 - And great fear came upon the whole church & upon all who heard of these things. Now many signs & wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men & women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets & laid them on cots & mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick & those afflicted with unclean spirits, & they were all healed.

The Bible says the church is the people of God, the assembly and body of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

-Edmund Clowney The metaphors family, body, temple, flock, nation, all connect our understanding of church to the people.

1- People Had Great FEAR - Holy Spirit

Acts 5:1-10 - *dangerous holiness*

Acts 5:11 - *the Spirit at work*

John 15:26-16:15 - *conviction*

The ancient promise of covenant blessing is being fulfilled in the spontaneous generosity of Jesus' followers. The Holy Spirit's presence brings great joy to the repentant, but He is dangerous to those who prefer falsehood over truth. -RC Sproul

2- God Shows Great GRACE - conversions

Acts 4:29-31 - *great power*

Acts 4:32-37 - *great generosity*

Acts 5:12-14, John 14:12, Acts 2:19,22,43, 4:16,22,30, 5:12, 6:8, 7:36,

14:3, 15:12, Rom 15:19, 2Cor 12:12, 2Ths 2:9, Heb 2:4 - *signs & wonders*

Several general statements about 'signs' are given in Acts, but the miracle in Acts 3:1-4:22 is the only one called a 'sign' in Acts (in 4:16,22), as Luke selects this event to authenticate the apostolic preaching of Jesus as the fulfillment of all God's promises, the means of receiving all of God's blessings, the One in whom believers find all they need. -AJ Thompson

Acts 5:12-14, 1Tim 3:7, Titus 2:5,10 - *great esteem*

Lk 4:14-21, Acts 2:16-22,39,41,47, 4:4, 5:14 - *multitudes saved*

Lk 5:8, 8:37-38, Jn 3:2, Mk 12:32-34, 2Cor 2:14-17 - *reactions*

Many kept their distance, as many more were irresistibly drawn by grace, added by the Lord to His church. As His representatives, believers should emulate Christ's gracious welcome to anyone who needs His healing touch. -DE Johnson

3- God Does Great HEALING - wonders

Acts 5:15-16 - *physical & spiritual*

Luke 5:18-19, 6:17-19, Acts 19:11-12, Mark 5:27-28,34, Acts 3:16 - *healed*

This may seem strange to modern readers, but the Holy Spirit was so powerfully manifested in and around Peter that even those who only came near him experienced the healing of the Holy Spirit. -JB Polhill

4- Christ Grows His Great CHURCH - ekklesia

Acts 5:11,14 - *assembly, congregation*

Acts 2:39,41,47, 4:4, 5:14, 11:24, 13:48 - *multitudes "added to the Lord"*

Acts 3:16, 5:31, 11:18, 15:8-9, 16:14, 18:27 - *saving work of Holy Spirit*

God ordained the cross, appoints many to eternal life in Christ, and gives them faith and repentance. -JB Polhill

Acts 5:11-16 - *called-out gathered-together*

assembly of the congregation of the people in Christ

Matt 16:18, 18:17, Acts 5:11, 7:38, 8:1,3, 9:31, 11:22,26, 12:1,5, 13:1, 14:23,27, 15:3,4,

15:22,41, 16:5, 18:22, 19:32, 19:39,41, 20:17,28 - *ekklesia assembly (114 times NT)*

Eph 1:1-14,22, 2:6,19-22, 3:6,10-11,14-21, 4:1-6,12,15-16,

5:1,8,18,30 - *ekklesia "called of God"*

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/

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11-06 Acts 5:11-16 - *ekklesia*

11-07 John 15:26-16:15 - *convict*

11-08 Acts 4:16,22,30 - *a sign*

11-09 2Cor 2:14-17 - *knowledge*

11-10 Acts 2:16-21 - *the Lord*

11-11 Ephesians 1:1-14 - *church*

11-12 Ephesians 1:15-23 - *body*

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