

LEARNING WITH LUKE - ACTS 5:27-42 TIME TO PROCLAIM p.1085 PEW BIBLE

Acts 5:29-42 - Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging Him on a tree. God exalted him at His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him." When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher...held in honor by all the people, stood up and...said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men...for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left...rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

It ought to thrill us to realize such a God protects & defends us when we stand faithful to His Word & will. -James Philip

1- Are you OBEYING God? - it is necessary to obey

Acts 5:27-33 - God not men
Acts 4:18-20 - commanded (5:20)
Acts 2:23, 3:15,16, 4:1-2,10,11 - crucifixion
Luke 20:1-20, Matt 27:20-26 - guilty authorities
Gen 4:10, 2Sam 1:15-16 - blood be on us (Acts 2:39)
Acts 5:30,10:39, Dt 21:22-23, 1Pt 2:24, Gal 3:7-14
Acts 5:30-31, 2:24,31-33,36 - resurrection
Acts 3:15, 5:31, Heb 2:10, 12:2 - founder
John 5:18, 10:30,33,36-38 - Jesus is God
Acts 5:31-32, Jn 15:26-27, Isa 59:21 - Holy Spirit
Acts 1:3,8,22, 2:4,11,32,40, 4:12,31 - witnesses

Repentance & faith is a gift from the exalted Lord, and as the Spirit comes, true conversion is obedience to God. The work of the Spirit should make us lean more completely on His sovereign grace in the work of evangelism. -James Philip

2- Are you OPPOSING God? - if it is of man it will fail

Acts 5:33 - enraged
Acts 5:34 - Gamaliel
Acts 5:35-39 - wait & see
Psalm 34:8,18 - taste & see
Isaiah 35:1-10, Luke 4:16-21 - fulfilled
Acts 22:3, 7:58-60, 8:3, 9:1-2 (3-30), 22:4-5 (6-21),
Gal 1:14, Phil 3:6, 1Cor 15:9, 1Tim 1:13-15 - Saul / Paul

Now that Jesus had also died a violent death by the Romans, His followers will be scattered without the Sanhedrin resorting to violence, unless this movement is of God, (then they would be waging war with God Himself). -DE Johnson

3- Are you on the OFFENSE for Jesus? - despite persecution

Acts 5:40 - beaten
Deut 25:3, 2Cor 11:24
Acts 5:41 - rejoicing
Luke 6:22-23, 9:23-26, John 15:18-16:3,33 - Jesus & suffering
1Pet 1:5-9, 2:20-23, 3:14-17, 4:12-19, 5:6-11 - Peter & suffering
2Cor 4:1-18, 2Cor 11:16-33, 12:10 - Paul & suffering
Acts 5:42 - every day
1Pet 2:9-10, 3:15, 2Tim 4:1-8 - in season & out of season

*When identification with Jesus is the cause of ill treatment, such dishonor is a privilege that imparts joy. -JB Polhill
They pursued the task their Lord had given them. All the time and everywhere the apostles proclaimed the Good News that Jesus is the Christ, who gives repentance, forgiveness, and eternal life to those who believe in Him. -DE Johnson*

The church of Jesus Christ is the only institution with an absolute unconditioned guarantee of its success. -RC Sproul

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12-11 Isaiah 35:1-10 - rejoicing
12-12 Acts 5:27-42 - obey God
12-13 1Pet 1:3-12 - rejoicing
12-14 1Pet 2:20-33 - suffering
12-15 1Pet 3:14-17 - answering
12-16 1Pet 4:12-19 - trusting
12-17 1Pet 5:6-11 - strengthen

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