

LEARNING WITH LUKE - ACTS 5:42 TIME FOR THE CHRIST P.1086 PEW BIBLE

Acts 5:38-42 - Gamaliel...said to them, "Men of Israel, take care...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.

1- JOY in being the WORK OF CHRIST - Gamaliel's close call

Acts 5:29-32 - exalted
Acts 5:33-34 - Gamaliel
Acts 5:35-39 - wait & see
Psalm 34:8,18 - taste & see
Acts 5:40-41 - beaten

*It ought to thrill us to realize such a God protects & defends us when we stand faithful to His Word & will. -James Philip
There is no higher honor for a human to receive on this planet than to partake in the humiliation of Christ. -RC Sproul*

2- JOY in receiving the CHRIST OF GOD - obedience of faith

Acts 5:42, 2:42 - did not cease
Luke 2:11, 4:31-41, Matt 16:15-16, Mark 14:61-65 - the Christ
Acts 2:36, 3:20, 5:42, 8:5, 9:22, 17:2-3, 18:5,28 - declare
Acts 4:8-12, 10:34-43, 11:11-26, 13:16-43, 17:16-34, 24:10-27, 26:1-32, 28:23-24,31

The teaching of the apostles is the unstoppable proclamation that all of God's blessings (repentance, forgiveness, the Holy Spirit, restoration) are to be found only in the name of Jesus. The people of God grow as one in Jesus. -AJ Thompson

- Prophecied Christ

Luke 24:25-27, 44-48, Gen 3:15, 12:3, 18:18, 2Sam 7:12

- Miraculous Birth

Isaiah 7:14, 9:1-7, 11:1-2, Micah 5:2-5

- Declared Divine

John 8:24-47, Isa 41:4, 43:10-13

- Spirit-filled Life

Isa 61:1, Luke 4:16-21, Acts 10:38-44, John 3:1-10

- Atoning Death

Isaiah 43:25, 53:6,11

- His Resurrection

Psalm 16:8-11, Luke 20:27-44

- Ascension & Reign

Ps 110:1, Dan 7:13-14, Isa 9:1-7, Acts 2:22-36

John 20:31, 1John 2:22, 5:1-13 - believe

Those who cannot make up their minds about the gospel, in face of evidence which is more than sufficient to convince all reasonable doubt, are in the grip of something so dark and deadly as to prove fatal to the soul. -James Philip

3- JOY in SPEAKING OF JESUS CHRIST - everyday everywhere

Acts 5:42, 2:42, Heb 12:1-4 - not ceasing
1John 1:3, 1Tim 1:12-17, 2:5-7, Rom 16:25-27 - proclaim
1Pet 2:9-10, 3:15, 2Tim 4:1-8 - in season & out of season

The enemy knows and celebrates when we do not speak and teach 'all the words of this Life.' The world does not see the glory of men and women fully alive. Our disobedience has cut us off from the power of the Holy Spirit. There is no joy, no buoyance. At such times we need to be set free. When we take our stand for Jesus Christ, speaking the message of life, obeying Him rather than men, we will feel waves of opposition, but we will also feel His pleasure. -RK Hughes

DAILY BIBLE READING ENGAGE~WORD~CHURCH~COMMUNITY~WORLD

12-18 **Isaiah 9:1-7** - Son is given
12-19 **2 Sam 7:1-17** - kingdom
12-20 **2 Sam 7:18-29** - blessing
12-21 **Isaiah 41:10-13** - Savior
12-22 **Micah 2:2-5a** - Bethlehem
12-23 **Luke 2:1-7** - the time came
12-24 **Luke 2:8-20** - peace on earth

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