

HOW REVIVAL ACTS

Acts 5:33-42



FIRED UP

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36 For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought.

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38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:

39 But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

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The Sanhedrin Council consisted of the prominent leadership of Jerusalem.

(3) The Clear Choice, 5:33-39

(a) Murder, 5:33

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Why kill the apostles? What horrible crime had they done? What was their defense?

Acts 5:30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand *to be* a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

The problem with the Sanhedrin Council was not intellectual, logical reasoning. The problem was unbelief!

Original Word: διαπρίω

Transliteration: diaprió

Definition: (lit: I saw through), I cut to the quick (with indignation and envy).

diapriō (from *diá*, "through" and *priō*, "cut with a saw") – properly, cut all the way through; (figuratively) emotionally "sawn asunder," as when the heart is "ripped in two" ("cut to the quick") – i.e. when a person is "split down the center" (emotionally) when overcome with indignation (envy, outrage).

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Heb. 4:12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Acts 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

Original Word: κατανύσσομαι

Transliteration: katanussó

Definition: met: I am pierced, stung, smitten.

katanýssō (from /*katá*, "down" and *nýssō*, "pierce") – properly, pierce *all the way down*, i.e. *deeply* (*thoroughly*) pained; "emotionally pierced through"; psychologically pricked, emotionally *stunned* (*Abbott-Smith*). It is used only in Ac 2:37.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2660.htm>

Mt. 21:42 Jesus saith unto them, **Did ye never read in the scriptures**, The stone which **the builders rejected**, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

(b) Moderation, 5:34-39

i. Gamaliel's Reputation, 5:34

Acts 5:34 Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space;

Acts 22:3 I am verily a man *which am* a Jew, born in Tarsus, *a city* in Cilicia, yet **brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel**, *and* taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

"Since Rabban Gamaliel the elder died there has been no more reverence for the law; and purity and abstinence died out at the same time."

Longenecker, Richard N.. "The Acts of the Apostles." In *John-Acts*. Vol. 9 of *The Expositor's Bible Commentary*. 12 vols. Edited by Frank E. Gaebelinein and J. D. Douglas. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1981, p. 321.

ii. Gamaliel's Reasoning, 5:35-37

- Be wary, 5:35

Acts 5:35 And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men.

- Be wise, 5:36-37

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iii. Gamaliel's Restraint, 5:38-39

- What He Considered a Probability, 5:38

Acts 5:38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:

- What He Considered a Possibility, 5:39

Acts 5:39 But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

c. The Ineffective Dissuasion, 5:40-42

(1) Punishment, 5:40

Acts 5:40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, **and beaten *them***, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

(2) Praise, 5:41

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Luke 6:22 **Blessed are ye**, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you *from their company*, and shall reproach *you*, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

23 **Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy**: for, behold, your reward *is* great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

(3) Proclamation, 5:42

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What we did yesterday on A.C.E. is a Scriptural, time-honored method that is pleasing to the Lord as we follow the pattern established by our Spiritual Forefathers!



Conclusion

Mt. 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and **ye shall be witnesses unto me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

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“...WITNESSES...” – “...BOTH...”

i. Around us – “...in Jerusalem...” → our city

“...and in all Judea...” → our region

“...and in Samaria...” → those we are
prejudiced against

ii. Abroad – “...and the uttermost part of the earth.”
→ MISSIONS