

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Were the signs and wonders necessary to perform for the people to believe and come to God?
2. How did the threat of the Sadducees affect the testimony of the apostles?
3. Does God deliver us from all evil circumstances today?
4. How should we regard the authorities of men today? [\[SoF:12a\]](#)

SUMMARY:

The Apostles were strictly charged by the council not to speak in the name of Jesus. On the other hand they were specifically instructed by God to teach about Jesus. This presented no problem for them in deciding what to do as Peter openly declared: "We ought to obey God rather than men." (vs. 29) He further proclaimed that this Jesus whom the Jews had crucified was raised up and is the living Savior.

As God delivered them from prison, God also delivered the apostles from the men who planned to kill them through the intervention of Gamaliel, who realized that they, the Jewish leaders, might be fighting against God. God is able to deliver those who obey Him from all evil devices of men.

NOTES:

[\[SoF:7\]](#) We believe that sinners may have salvation by repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.
[\[SoF:8\]](#) We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation. [\[SoF:12a\]](#) We believe that government is ordained of God to enforce law and order and to prevent evil works. Government should, therefore, be supported and obeyed. Laws and ordinances are to be respected and conscientiously obeyed, except when to do so violates the commandment of God. [\[SoF:15\]](#) We believe that the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ is an invitation for everyone to live a life of abandonment to Him, Who loved us and gave Himself for us - surrendering His personal ambitions and possessions in an unreserved committal to take the proclamation of the Gospel throughout "all the world to every creature".

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #9

November 26, 2023

Fourth Quarter

A DIVINE DELIVERANCE

LESSON TEXT: *Acts 5:12-42*

LESSON SETTING: Jerusalem in the common prison; office of the Sanhedrin; the temple.

TIME: Approximately 35 A.D. during the development of the early church.

- I. THE TESTING OF THE APOSTLES.** Acts 5:12-26
 - A. Opposition of Men. Acts 18:6; 2 Timothy 3:8
 - B. Imprisonment (vs. 18) Jeremiah 37:15; Mark 6:17
 - C. Commandment to Witness [\[SoF:15\]](#) (vs. 20) John 15:27; Acts 1:8
- II. THE TESTIMONY OF THE APOSTLES.** Acts 5:27-32
 - A. Before Opposers (vs. 27-28) Luke 21:12-14; Acts 13:8-10
 - B. Apostles' Boldness (vs. 29) Acts 4:13, 29; Philippians 1:20
 - C. Christ, the Savior (vs. 31) Matthew 1:21; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 1:15
 - D. Holy Ghost Given to Obedient [\[SoF:7,8\]](#) (vs. 32) Acts 1:8; 2:38
- III. THE TRIUMPH OF THE APOSTLES.** Acts 5:33-42
 - A. Conviction of Sin (vs. 33) Job 9:20; John 8:9; Acts 24:25
 - B. Wise Council. 1 Kings 12:7; Matthew 27:19
 - C. Rejoicing in Tribulation (vs. 41) 2 Corinthians 6:10; 1 Peter 4:12
 - D. Steadfastness in Witnessing [\[SoF:15\]](#) (vs. 42) Acts 4:19-20; 20:24; 1 Corinthians 15:58

GOLDEN TEXT: *WE OUGHT TO OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MEN.*
Acts 5:29

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 1 Peter 1:1-21

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: John 14:1-3; Titus 2:11-14

QUARTERLY THEME: The Early Church

TOPIC: CHRISTIAN HOPE

INTRODUCTION:

We as Christians are eagerly looking for that blessed hope, the glorious appearing of Christ, when we shall all be received unto Him. There we shall receive the incorruptible inheritance, the mansion in His Father's home.

How merciful He is to give us this precious hope. With this in mind we are given strength to prevail in trials and temptations. We know that we are kept safe by God's power through our faith in Him. Knowing that Christ arose from the dead, we too shall likewise arise to live forever with Him at His coming. How graciously He has promised to return for His own. (John 14:3)

How this promise and hope thrills our hearts and we bow in humble reverence to Him! We marvel that He has accepted us, weak, sinful human beings and given us this wonderful hope. Surely we should be completely submissive to His perfect will.

CENTRAL TRUTH: The Christian's hope is an anchor which keeps him steady in the storms of life.

GOLDEN TEXT: *BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHICH ACCORDING TO HIS ABUNDANT MERCY HATH BEGOTTEN US AGAIN UNTO A LIVELY HOPE BY THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD.*

1 Peter 1:3

The birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord are more meaningful when we become His children. As Jesus was born in the flesh so were we also brought into this world. As Jesus was willing to die for us knowing that God would raise Him from the dead, so should we be willing to crucify the deeds of sin and flesh knowing that God will give us new life according to His promise, which He made sure by the resurrection of Christ from the dead. When death of the body comes to those who have experienced the Spiritual new birth, the ascension of Jesus to the right hand of God, the Father, is the Christian's "blessed assurance" of a new and better life beyond the grave.

Set my hope on solid ground;
Strengthen it in every trial;
May it flourish and abound,
And in danger, shun, denial:
Let it see past heaven's portal
And find rest in things immortal!
Z.H. 78:7

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Nov. 27 – Dec. 3

- Mon. A Faith-filled Hope. John 14:1-7
- Tue. A Blessed Hope. Titus 2:11-15
- Wed. A Future Hope. 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10
- Thu. A Sure Hope. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- Fri. *A Strong Hope. 1 Peter 1:1-7
- Sat. *An Enduring Hope. 1 Peter 1:8-16
- Sun. *A Well-founded Hope. 1 Peter 1:17-21

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