

## The Early Church Is Tested – Part 2 - (Acts 5:12-42)

### Test 2: Dealing with opposition from outside the church

- I. Three things that lead to another confrontation with the Sanhedrin
  - A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the church grows (Acts 5:12-16)
  - B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Sadducees grows (Acts 5:17-21a)
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_ grows within the Sanhedrin (Acts 5:21b-27)
- II. The Apostles stand before the Sanhedrin (Acts 5:28-32)
  - A. The Sanhedrin \_\_\_\_\_ the Apostles for teaching about Christ (Acts 5:28)
  - B. The Apostles \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel (Acts 5:29-32)
- III. The Sanhedrin decides what to do with the Apostles (Acts 5:33-40)
  - A. Option #1 – \_\_\_\_\_ them (Acts 5:33)
  - B. Option #2 – Do \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 5:34-38)
    1. If the movement is of human origin, it will \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 5:34-38)
    2. If the movement is from God, you cannot \_\_\_\_\_ it and you will be fighting against God (Acts 5:39)
  - C. Solution – Flog them and release them with a \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 5:40)
- IV. The response of the apostles to the opposition
  - A. The Apostles find \_\_\_\_\_ in suffering for Christ (Acts 5:41)
  - B. They have renewed \_\_\_\_\_ for the work of the church (Acts 5:42)

### Questions to Ponder

- I. When have you seen God's \_\_\_\_\_ at work?
- II. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ God? Or Are you \_\_\_\_\_ in your walk with God?
- III. Are you consistently teaching the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Word?
- IV. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ of another person's walk with God?
- V. How do you respond to when you run into \_\_\_\_\_ from governmental authorities?  
The Apostles response
  - A. They \_\_\_\_\_ the rulers
  - B. They \_\_\_\_\_ the rulers when possible
  - C. They \_\_\_\_\_ God first

- D. They \_\_\_\_\_ themselves against the ruling authorities, but accepted the consequences of their disobedience to the laws
  - E. They focused on their \_\_\_\_\_: Preach the Gospel
- VI. How do you respond to \_\_\_\_\_?
- A. Do you find \_\_\_\_\_ in suffering for Christ?
  - B. Do you continue to \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel despite opposition?