

## **GREAT UNITY IN THE CHURCH, YET INTERNAL COMPROMISE**

(Acts 4:32-5:11)

### **I. THE INFANCY AND THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (3-7)**

#### **A. A Miracle Performed in the Name of Jesus Christ (3:1-11)**

#### **B. The Message Preached about the Name of Jesus Christ (3:12-26)**

#### **C. The Apostles Arrested Because of the Name of Jesus Christ (4:1-22)**

#### **D. The Response by Believers Regarding the Apostles' Release (4:23-31)**

#### **E. The Unity and Generosity of the Church (4:32-37)**

1. Over \_\_\_\_\_ believers in Jerusalem were \_\_\_\_\_ together. (1:14; 2:1, 46; 4:24; 5:12)

\* Why did they have such tremendous unity? (Eph. 4:3, 13-15; Philip. 1:27; 2:2)

2. The unity of the early Church was not just talked about, but it was actually demonstrated by \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 32)

\* Did this first church in Jerusalem really have genuine needs? (Acts 2:41; 4:4)

3. The early Church was a tremendous Witness (v. 33)

- a. The apostles gave witness and testimony to Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ (1:22; 2:32) with great \_\_\_\_\_ (*dynamis*).

- b. The underlining \_\_\_\_\_ to the success of the early Church's witness was that God's \_\_\_\_\_ was upon them. (1 Cor. 15:10; 2 Cor. 9:8; 12:9)

4. The early Church was very Generous with their own money and possessions.

- a. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the church in Jerusalem were met through the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of other believers and then wisely administered by the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(vv. 34-35)

\* Did the church in Jerusalem remain poor? (11:29-30; Rom. 15:25-27; Gal. 2:10;  
2 Cor. 8-9)

- b. One positive example of this grace-giving was \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 36-37; 11:22-24)

\* Why was the early Church's sacrificial giving *not* an example of communism?

#### **F. The Hypocrisy of Ananias and Sapphira within the Church (5:1-11)**

1. Ananias conspired with his wife to \_\_\_\_\_ about selling their land and giving \_\_\_\_\_ the profit to the apostles. (vv. 1-2)
  
2. The Spirit of God made Peter aware of the deception; Peter then exposed it, accused Ananias of being used as a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and lying to the Holy Spirit; the result was \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 3-6)
  
3. Sapphira also \_\_\_\_\_ to the apostles and to the Holy Spirit, resulting in her own \_\_\_\_\_, and great \_\_\_\_\_ came upon the whole \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 7-11)

\* What does this passage teach us about divine discipline?