

Week of May 14 - 20

Acts 5-9

Rather than rephrase the events that occurred in these five chapters of Acts, I will ask questions about each division in each chapter. The questions are straight forward and simply require that you recall your own knowledge and seek the Holy Spirit for your answer.

Chapter 5 Objectives

Examine the sin of Ananias and Sapphira in lying to the Holy Spirit

Note the amazing signs and wonders that were done by the apostles, in which all were healed

Consider the apostles' response when government seeks to restrain the spread the preaching of the gospel

Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11)

What was wrong with keeping back part of the proceeds from Ananias' sell of their land?

Then what was Ananias' guilt?

Why did Ananias make his false claim?

What percent of your total assets belong to Jesus?

How grave is the sin of lying to the Holy Spirit?

How serious are all other crimes?

Did Peter kill Sapphira?

Were Ananias and Sapphira Christians (See Matthew 7:21-23)?

What effect did this incident have on the church?

Solomon's Porch (Acts 5:12-16)

Why did they keep gathering at Solomon's porch?

Who were the people who esteemed the Christians highly (v 14)?

Who was healed?

Does God still grant miraculous healing today?

Sadducees (Acts 5:17-23)

Who were the Sadducees?

Why were the high priest and other Sadducees filled with resentment?

How could the guards standing outside the doors have seen neither the angel open the doors nor the apostles leave?

Chief Priests (Acts 5:25-28)

How is the high priest different from the chief priests?

How could the apostles bring Jesus' blood on them?

Obey God rather than Men (Acts 5:29-33)

How often are you asked to do something which contradicts what God says to do?

Was Jesus murdered, or did He voluntarily sacrifice His life for us?

How did the high priest and the Sanhedrin react to Peter's declaration of them being guilty of murder?

Gamaliel (Acts 5:34-42)

Who was Gamaliel, and why did all the people respect him?

Was being beaten something the apostles should be rejoicing over?

What examples do the apostles set for us today?

Chapter 6 Objectives

Note how the church in Jerusalem handled their internal problems

Examine the process of selecting and appointing those who serve in the Lord's church

Evaluate the charges that were brought against Stephen

Hellenists and Seven Men (Acts 6:1-7)

What is meant by their widows were neglected in the daily distribution?

Who were the Hellenists and the Hebrews?

Why were the widows among the Hellenists neglected in the daily distribution?

Why wasn't it desirable for the twelve apostles to leave the Word of God and serve tables/

Should teachers only teach?

Who chose the seven men, and what were the criteria for these first seven deacons?

Why seven men?

Synagogue of the Freedmen (Acts 6:8-15)

What is the Synagogue of the Freedmen?

Was Stephen's only gift church management?

What accusations did they bring against Stephen?

Did Jesus say He will destroy the temple and that He will change the customs which Moses delivered to the Jews?

Chapter 7 Objectives

Review Stephen's defense to the charge of blasphemy against the temple and the Law

Note the remarkable manner in which the first martyr for Christ died

God's Promise to Abraham (Acts 7:1-7)

Who was the high priest?

What do these verses say about the ethnic origin of Abraham and the Jews of the Old Testament?

Where is Haran, and who are Chaldeans?

Is Stephen right in what he claimed?

The Patriarchs and the Sons of Jacob (Acts 7:8-15)

Who are the twelve patriarchs?

When did God give Abraham the covenant of circumcision?

From what kinds of troubles did God deliver Joseph?

Why did Pharaoh make Joseph governor over Egypt?

How many relatives of Joseph came to Egypt?

Shechem and the King of Egypt (Acts 7:16-19)

Where is Shechem located?

Why did the later king deal treacherously with the Hebrews in Egypt?

How did the king make the Hebrews expose their babies so that they might not live?

What lessons do the actions of the midwives hold for us today?

Moses (Acts 7:20-41)

What was Moses like when he turned forty years of age?

How did Moses react when God told him He would send him to Egypt to deliver the Hebrews?

Since Acts 7:22 says Moses was mighty in words, was Moses lying to God about being slow of speech and slow of tongue?

When did the Israelites turn their hearts back to Egypt?

Moloch (Acts 7:42-43)

What is Moloch, and why did mothers and fathers sacrifice their babies to Moloch?

The Tabernacle (Acts 7:44-50)

What is the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness?

What did the Jews bring into the promised land?

Who ended up building God's temple in Jerusalem?

Stiff-necked People (Acts 7:51-56)

What are stiff-necked people?

Is it true the Jews persecuted the prophets?

How did the Sanhedrin react when Stephen said they betrayed and murdered Jesus?

Stephen Stoned (Acts 7:57-60)

Why did they lay down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul?

What became of Saul?

Chapter 8 Objectives

Note the spread of the gospel into Judea and Samaria, as foretold by Jesus

Review the conversions of the Samaritans and the Ethiopian eunuch

Saul (Acts 8:1-5)

Who was Saul, and to whose death was he consenting?

Who among the Christians stayed in Jerusalem?

Why were the other Christians scattered?

What happened to the Christians Saul dragged off and imprisoned?

Samaria (Acts 8:5-8)

Where is Samaria?

Who is Phillip, and why was it significant he went to Samaria?

What happened when the Gospel was shared in Samaria?

Simon the Sorcerer (Acts 8:9-13)

To whom did the Samaritans attribute Simon's powers, and were they right?

Why did they believe Philip, and what does it show?

Can demonic signs be distinguished from Godly signs?

What did Simon do as he continued with Philip?

Receiving the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-19)

What is meant to receive the Holy Spirit?

Why did the Lord delay the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Samaritans until Peter and John came to them?

Was Simon a believer?

What does this passage suggest about baptism's power to save people?

What did Simon want?

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-40)

Where was Ethiopia?

Who was Candace?

Who the eunuch a Jew?

What is the Biblical way to be baptized?

Chapter 9 Objectives

Study the conversion of Saul

Note the affect Peter's miracles had on many people who heard about them

Saul on the Road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-9)

What else had Saul been doing besides breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord?

Why did Saul want to go after the Christians in Damascus?

What sort of letters do you think Saul sought from the high priest?

What do you think the high priest thought of Saul?

Since Jesus already had ascended to heaven, did He come back for a visit before His second coming?

What is remarkable to you about the exchange between Jesus and Saul?

How do you characterize your conversion to following Christ?

Saul in Damascus (Acts 9:10-23)

Did Saul's many sufferings during his ministry for Jesus' name come as a surprise to him?

What did Jesus explain to Ananias?

When did Saul begin to preach, and what did he share?

What should new Christians tell non-Christians about Jesus?

How many days did the Jews plot to kill Saul?

Why did Saul spend time in Arabia?

Saul Escapes in a Basket (Acts 9:24-31)

Who was trying to capture and kill Saul?

Why didn't the disciples believe Saul to be a disciple?

Who were the Hellenists who tried to kill Saul?

Why did the brethren send Saul to Tarsus from Caesarea?

What do Judea, Galilee, and Samaria comprise?

Lydda, Dorcas, the Saints (Acts 9:32-43)

Where is Lydda?

Why did Peter go through all parts of the country?

Did Peter heal Aeneas?

Were the disciples in Joppa hoping Peter would heal Dorcas?

What were some of Dorcas' charitable deeds?

Who are the saints in verse 41?

What was the repercussion of raising Tabitha from the dead?