

Acts 5

- 1) What condition that was discussed at the end of chapter 4, provides the background for the story of Ananias and Sapphira?
- 2) What actual sin did Ananias and Sapphira commit? What was their fate?
- 3) What do we learn from the story of Ananias and Sapphira with respect to property ownership - does God allow it?
- 4) Verses 13 ("none of the rest joined") and 14 ("believers the more added") appear contradictory, but Scripture cannot contradict Scripture (Jn. 10:35), so what is the explanation of these verses?
- 5) Trace and describe the numerical growth of the early church: Acts 2:41 > 2:47 > 4:4 > 5:14:
- 6) What did some people expect to happen as a result of Peter's shadow being cast over the sick? Is there any proof that they actually got what they wanted?
- 7) Compare the reaction of the Sanhedrin (5:17) with their reaction in 4:2: How does it compare to 5:33?
- 8) What did the Sanhedrin do to the apostles? How did God respond? How did the Sanhedrin officers handle the apostles the second time they approached them (verse 26)?
- 9) How did Peter and the other apostles reply to the high priest? What does this reply teach us about the limitations of civil law?

10) Of what did Peter accuse the high priest and his councilmen? Has Peter done this before? (*hint: 2:36; 3:15; 4:10*)

11) In what sense was the Holy Spirit a “witness?”

12) From Gamaliel’s speech, what do we learn about his nature and character?

13) From Acts 22:3, what can we infer about Gamaliel’s view of the Law and his approach to interpretation?

14) What two possible consequences did Gamaliel suggest in regard to the plans and works of the apostles:

- If of men... _____

- If of God... _____

15) Was Gamaliel successful in making his case?

16) What was done to the apostles before their release?

17) How did the apostles react to their treatment? What did they do “daily” after their release?