

ACTS 5; October 6; They Lied and They Died

ANALYSIS:

1. What was the possession that Ananias and Sapphira sold? _____
2. Why did the Lord judge Ananias and Sapphira with death? _____

3. How was it possible for Peter and John to be teaching in the temple after being put into prison the day before for teaching there? _____

4. What 8 word reply did Peter give to the Christ-hating Jews which explained his actions? _____

5. After the Jewish council, on the advise of _____, did not kill Peter and John, but beat and threatened them, what did Peter and John do? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

If we are pleasing the Lord in our faith and practice, walking in the light He has shown us, some who claim to be Christians will be offended.

They may not see the things the Lord has shown us and convicted us to believe and practice. They may say God does not care about such details in His worship, doctrine or how we live. They may have been taught to agree to disagree so long as they profess to love one another. They may think us strange. They may ignore us, make light of our convictions to please the Lord, contradict us and even persecute us. Let us remember that God does have His truth, the rest is error! Let us thank Him for the truth, and hold fast to all He has given us eyes to see and an heart to love!

How should we treat those who differ with us over spiritual truth? We should shower them brotherly kindness, and follow Paul's counsel to a pastor that "the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will" (2 Tim 2:24-26).

HELP:

1. Land (vs 3, 8).
2. Ananias and Sapphira sold some land, kept back part of the price, agreed to bring a certain part and laid it at the apostles feet, apparently saying or implying they were giving all the price of the land (like Barnabas did 4:36-37). Peter declared they had lied to the Holy Ghost, and tempted the Spirit of the Lord (vs 3-4, 9) and the Lord took them away.
3. The angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, "Go stand and speak ... to the people the words of this life" and they obeyed and did that early the next morning (vs 19-20).
4. "We ought to obey God rather than men" (v 29).
5. Gamaliel. They rejoiced to be counted worthy to suffer shame for His name, and daily they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ (v 41-42).