Sunday 28th May 2017

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Due Date: Saturday 3rd June 2017

Completed Bible Study = 15 points,

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**ACTS of the Apostles**

Year 5 – Bible Study 17 (Chapters 5 & 6)

**Monday** **29th May Read Chapter 5 verses 1 – 11**

### Lying to the Holy Spirit

*1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. 2And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles’ feet. 3But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? 4While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.” 5Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. 6And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried him out, and buried him. 7Now it was about three hours later when his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8And Peter answered her, “Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?” She said, “Yes, for so much.” 9Then Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.” 10Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying her out, buried her by her husband. 11So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.*

1. What was the name of Ananias’ wife in this story? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Why did St. Peter ask Sapphira, Ananias’ wife, how much they sold their possession for?
3. To test to see if Ananias was really lying.
4. To test Sapphira to see if she too would lie.
5. To give Sapphira a chance to be honest.
6. B and C.

**Tuesday 30th May Read Chapter 5 verses 11 – 21**

### Continuing Power in the Church

*12And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon’s Porch. 13Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. 14And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, 15so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. 16Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.*

### Imprisoned Apostles Freed

*17Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, 18and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. 19But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, 20“Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.” 21And when they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.*

1. What was the name of the place where the Apostles were assembled at this time, as they were establishing the church? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Which members of the Jewish leaders arrested the Apostles? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_

**Wednesday 31st May Read Chapter 5 verses 22 – 42**

### Apostles on Trial Again

*22But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, 23saying, “Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!” 24Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be. 25So one came and told them, saying, “Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!” 26Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence, for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned. 27And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them, 28saying, “Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man’s blood on us!” 29But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men. 30The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. 31Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.”*

### Gamaliel’s Advice

*33When they heard this, they were furious and plotted to kill them. 34Then one in the council stood up, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in respect by all the people, and commanded them to put the apostles outside for a little while. 35And he said to them: “Men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what you intend to do regarding these men. 36For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was slain, and all who obeyed him were scattered and came to nothing. 37After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census, and drew away many people after him. He also perished, and all who obeyed him were dispersed. 38And now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to nothing; 39but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it—lest you even be found to fight against God.” 40And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. 42And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.*

1. Which of the following statements is true?
2. The High priest reported the following: The officers found the prison door shut, the guards standing outside, no one inside.
3. The officers reported the following: The officers found the prison door shut, the guards asleep outside, no one inside.
4. The officers reported the following the High priest and council: The officers found the prison door shut, the guards standing outside, no one inside.
5. The officers reported the following: The officers found the prison door shut, the guards standing outside, and the Angel was inside.
6. So the council decided to release them, but first they commanded them again not to preach and they also beat them. What were the Apostles doing when they were released? (Verse 41) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday 1st June Read Chapter 6 verses 1 – 4**

### Faithful men needed to Serve

*1Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the* ***daily distribution.*** *2Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. 3Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; 4but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”*

**Do you know what is meant by ‘daily distribution’**

*Daily Distribution refers to the daily handing out of food to the people that needed it*

*The Hebrews were the Jewish people that kept all of the customs of Judaism, and the Hellenists were the Jews who had adopted the Greek language and culture*

7. Who complained about the Hebrews?

a) The widows

b) The servants

c) The Hellenists

d) The disciples

1. Rather than worrying about how to try and please people, the disciples decided to turn their attention to prayer to help solve the issue!

List some issues that we could try and pray about, rather than complain to other people

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**Friday 2nd June Read Chapter 6 verses 5 – 7**

**Seven Men Chosen to Serve**

*5And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas,* ***a proselyte*** *from Antioch, 6whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.**7Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.*

**Do you know who is a ‘proselyte’?**

*A proselyte is a person that has converted to a new religion- in this case Judaism*

1. Match the person to their description

**Stephen Nicholas The other 5 men**

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|  | Men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom |
|  | A man full of faith and the Holy Spirit |
|  | A proselyte from Antioch |

1. Three things Luke described that happened were:
2. God’s message spread. **True or False**
3. The disciples in Jerusalem continued to decrease quickly in number. **True or False**
4. And very many priests disobeyed the faith. **True or False**

**Saturday 3rd June Read Chapter 6 verses 8 – 15**

**Some arose against Stephen**

*8And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. 9Then there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the* ***Freedmen*** *(Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen. 10And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke. 11Then they secretly induced men to say, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.” 12And they stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes; and they came upon him, seized him, and brought him to the council.*

**Stephen’s enemies (the Freedmen) tell lies about him**

*13They also set up false witnesses who said, “This man does not cease to speak blasphemous words against this holy place and the law; 14for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs which Moses delivered to us.” 15And all who sat in the council, looking steadfastly at him, saw his face as the face of an angel.*

**Do you know who the ‘Freedman’ are?**

*The ‘Freedmen’ were slaves once. But their masters had freed them. The ‘Freedmen’ included also Jews whose ancestors had been slaves. The ‘Freedmen’ could have been foreign \*Jews that had come to Jerusalem.*

1. **True/ False**
2. Stephen was one of the seven men chosen to help with the daily distribution **True/False**
3. The people from the Synagogue of the Freedmen liked Stephen. **True/ False**
4. The men of Freedmen were unable to “defeat” Stephen because he was full of wisdom and the Holy Spirit. **True/ False**
5. Stephen spoke blasphemous words against Moses and God. **True/ False**
6. The people from the Synagouge of Freedman persuaded others to say bad things about Stephen and then take him to the council . **True/ False**
7. Throughout this chapter we have read many times that Stephen was filled with the Holy Spirit. Why do you think that the people sitting in the council saw his face as the face of an angel?

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