

THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM

ACTS 5:12-16

Introduction:

A. The Jerusalem church shared

- 1) Vs. 34: 4:34 - "Neither was there any of....."
- 2) Barnabas was an example

B. Annias and Sapphira entered into a conspiracy

- 1) 5:1-2 ("they formed a "symphony")
- 2) God dealt with them severely

C. The churches reaction

- 1) "Great fear" Vs. 11
- 2) They didn't quit serving! What did they do?

I. The Apostles Kept Working Vs. 12a

A. "And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people"

- 1) The intensity of it Vs. 15, portable cots
- 2) The extent of it Vs. 16,

God always does what is best and works best!

B. What about this work now?

- 1) There are no apostles in this age
- 2) The gift of healing has ceased Vs. 16b
"and they were healed everyone." I Cor. 13:8-13

II. The Church Kept Meeting Vs. 12b

A. "and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch."

- 1) "accord" = omothumadon = alike + mind
- 2) Solomon's colonade

B. We must never forsake assembling!

- 1) The body weakens The only way to kill a church! NON-ATTENDANCE
- 2) The body dies
- 3) Body is the sum total of its members

III. The World Rejected the Church Vs. 13

A. "And of the rest durst no man join himself to them"

- 1) "rest" = oi loipoi = "the others"
- 2) "durst" = "dare" = tolmao = "to do or to bear anything terrible or difficult"
- 3) "Join" = kallao = colage = "to glue together", "to adhere to, or cleave to"

B. "but the people magnified them"

- 1) "magnified" = megaluno = "to make great", "enlarge", "to praise", "held in high esteem"

IV. God Blessed the Church Vs. 14

A. "And believers were the more added to the Lord, Vs. 14

- 1) "believers" = pisteuo = "to trust", "be persuaded"
- 2) "added" = prostithemi = "to put one thing to another"

B. "Multitudes both of men and women"

- 1) "multitudes" = plethos = "a great number"
- 2) More than Sunday School campaigns!

V. What Are We To Learn?

- 1) That the world should respect the church
- 2) Unity of mind is important