

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) A pure, powerful church provokes reactions.
- 2) *5:13* There was great respect for the biblical community and respect for the power of God on display; but there was also fear that sin would be severely judged.
- 3) *5:14* Despite the intense discipline of God causing unbelievers to fear the church, more believers were constantly added.
- 4) *5:12, 15* Signs and wonders were intended always to point to spiritual truth. They confirmed the apostles' claim to be God's messengers.
- 5) *5:17-18* Three reasons the high priest arrested the apostles:
 - Peter and John had not obeyed the official orders to stop preaching in the name of Jesus.
 - The witness of the church negated the doctrines of the Sadducees, giving evidence Jesus was alive.
 - Leaders were filled with envy at the great success of untrained men (Matthew 27:18; Acts 13:45).
- 6) *5:19-20* They were freed not to hide, but to stand and speak.
- 7) You and I have been freed by the power of God not just for the sake of freedom, but to tell others about this life!
- 8) *5:21* The apostles chose to live boldly, to obey ferociously, and to leave the consequences to God.
- 9) *5:28* The high priest realized that if the apostles were right, then the Jewish leaders were wrong in condemning Jesus. If the apostles were right, then the council was guilty of Jesus' blood (Matthew 27:25; 1 Thessalonians 2:14–16).
- 10) *5:28* Absent from the charges was any mention of escape from prison. The Sanhedrin could not explain the miracle, so they simply ignored it.

11) *5:29-32* Rather than making a defense to the accusations, Peter rose above the circumstances and issues an invitation to the Sanhedrin.

- 12) *5:32* Two interesting points about salvation:
- The saved are described as “those who obey Him” (Romans 1:5; Hebrews 5:9).
 - The Holy Spirit is given to every saved person at salvation (Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20; 12:13).
- 13) *5:33* In spite of overwhelming evidence, the Sanhedrin rejected the apostles' teaching and violently opposed them.

GREEK WORDS

Klinariōn—cot; small bed

Krabattōn—pallet; straw mattress used by the poor

Use of stathentes (stand, hold your ground, stand firm) with the present imperative poreuesthe (“go”) suggests dogged steadfastness

Diacheirizō—to put to death with one's own hands

Peitharcheō—to obey one in authority

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