Scripture: Acts 5:12-42

Sermon: Are You Worthy of Shame? 17 February 2013

I. REVIEW OF ACTS 1-5

- **A. EMPOWERED TO** *EVANGELIZE* (1:8; 2:4f,11,14ff; 37ff)
- B. PERSECUTED FOR EVANGELIZING (3:1f; 4:1f)
- C. EMPOWERED TO EVANGELIZE UNDER EXTERNAL PERSECUTION (4:8f,19f,29&31,32f)
- D. EMPOWERED TO EVANGELIZE UNDER INTERNAL PERSECUTION (5:3f,9,12f,14f)
- E. PERSECUTION FOR EVANGELIZING INCREASES (5:17ff)
- F. EMPOWERED TO EVANGELIZE UNDER INCREASED EXTERNAL PERSECUTION (5:19ff)
- G. SUMMARY: THE RELENTLESS PROGRESS OF THE EVANGEL (5:42; 1:8 /Mt.16:18; 28:18f; Phil.1:12f)

II. EVANGELIZE!

- A. EVANGELIZE IN LOYAL SUBMISSION TO THE AUTHORITY & POWER OF GOD (5:29,32(Tt.3:1); 4:19; 1:8; see Mt.28:18-20)
- **B.** *EVANGELIZE* **WITH THE EXPECTATION OF POWER** (Acts 4:29f; 5:5f,12f,19f,34f; see 1Cor.1:18; 2Cor.6:7; 1Th.1:5)
- C. EVANGELIZE WITH THE EXPECTATION OF PERSECUTION
 - 1. external (Acts 4; 7-28!; see 2Tm.3:12)
 - 2. internal (Acts 5,6; 20:28f; see Tt.3:10)
- D. EVANGELIZE WITH THE WHOLE MESSAGE OF THIS LIFE (5:20,30-32; see 20:27)
 - 1. the Person of Christ: Prince & Savior (5:31; see 2:36; 3:13-15; Lord Christ & Jesus; see Col.2:9 & 3:10)
 - 2. the Work of Christ: Humiliation & Exaltation (5:30,31; see 2:22f; 32,33; see Rom.6:3-7; 8:17b
 - 3. the Certainty of Christ: Apostles & Spirit (5:32; see 2:36,42; 1:8,21f; Eph.2:20)
- **E.** *EVANGELIZE* **WITH BAD NEWS ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF GOOD NEWS** (5:28,30b,31; see 2:36f; Eph.2:1f,4f; 1Cor.6:9-11; Lk.3:7)
- **F. EVANGELIZE EVEN WHEN INTIMIDATED BY OTHERWISE LAWFUL AUTHORITY** (5:29,42; 4:19; see 1:8; Mt.28:18f; see Dan.3:16-19; 6:6:6f,10f; see Phil.2:5-8; 1Tm.6:12f; Heb.11:35f; Lk.9:23)
- **G.** *EVANGELIZE* **WITH THE RIBBONS OF YOUR BATTLE SCARS** (5:41; see Phil.1:29; 1Pt.1:6,7; 2:13f,19f; 3:13f; 4:4,12f,14-16(Rom.8:17); 5:10; see Col.1:24)

III. QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF OFTEN

- **A. DO YOU SEE THE POWER OF GOD IN YOUR EVANGELIZING? HOW OR WHY NOT?** (see Lk.11:13; Acts 4:29f; 5:14)
- B. DO YOU SEE *THE PERSECUTION OF MEN* IN YOUR EVANGELIZING? HOW OR WHY NOT? (see Lk.11:13; Acts 4:29f; 5:14)