

Transformation Card

This page provides an overview of the message and resources for individual and group study.

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Sermon Audio

Full Msg. Title: **The Apostles' Kingdom Perseverance**
Short Ver. Title: Kingdom Perseverance
Sub-Title*: Acts
Text: Acts 5:17 – 5:42
Key Words: jealousy, Life, questioned, answered, Jesus, witnesses

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Message Outline

The Apostles' Kingdom Perseverance

Continuing as Christ's Witnesses Amidst Serious Opposition

Acts 5:17-42

- I. They Were **Delivered** for the Purpose of **Continued Witness**
- II. They Turned **Opposition** into **Opportunity** to Witness to their Opponents
- III. "They **Kept Right on** Preaching and Teaching **Jesus** as the **Christ**"

God's Word for Devotions

1. Acts 5:17-42

Talk About It with Your Friends and Family

1. Describe the trend in opposition coming from those outside the church (5:17-32).
2. Label the most prominent admirable attitudes and qualities evident in the lives of the apostles.
3. What do you think of Gamaliel's counsel (33-39)?
4. Are we called to be Jesus' witnesses today or was that just for the apostles?
5. How does the attitude of the apostles inspire you (40-42)?
6. What opposition faces you as a member of Jesus' church?
7. What strategy might you employ to serve God faithfully amidst that opposition?

Memory and Meditation Verse

"...they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ." Acts 5:42b (NASB)

Community Life

Note: Women's Retreat Postponed – New Date TBD

TODAY! Dina Moves (Immediately following worship)
Donations appreciated for Bibles for the Church in the Philippines

Next Week

Focus Text: Acts 6:1-7. Read Acts chapters 6 – 7 which are closely related. What was the circumstance of the church according to verse 1? Who are the "Hellenistic Jews" and who are the "native Hebrews"? What was the nature of the complaint that arose between them? What do you make of this tension in light of the general state of the church depicted in 2:42-47 and 4:32-37? In the broadest terms, how did the early church handle this issue? How would you describe the structure of the church before and after the choosing and tasking of the seven, i.e., who had what obligation and authority?