
SERMON OUTLINE

God's Grace and God's Holiness

Acts 4:32-5:11

- I. God is Gracious and shows grace to those who pursue His glory (Acts 4:32-37).
 - A. Obedience: The church was unified, generous and bold (4:32-33a).
 - B. God's Grace: God showed the church much grace (4:33b).
 - Grace: God pours out His grace when we desire Him to use us within the church family and to impact the world.
 - C. Result: The church had no financial needs because people shared generously – such as Barnabas who sold a field and gave the money to the apostles to distribute (4:34-36).
 - Encouragement: Generous people are encouraging people (*Barnabas*).

- II. God is Holy and disciplines those who are selfish, proud and deceitful (Acts 5:1-11).
 - A. Disobedience: Ananias and Sapphira sold a field and gave money to the apostles to distribute, but lied about giving all the money. (5:1-4).
 - Pride: Giving is useless as worship when our motive is selfishness or pride.
 - B. God's Discipline: Peter confronted Ananias and Sapphira about lying to God – and both were struck dead (5:5-10).
 - Accountability: We are personally accountable to God even if someone else influenced us to sin.
 - C. Result: Great reverence for God spread to both believers and unbelievers (5:11).
 - Fear: God uses a holy reverence to purify the church for the sake of the gospel.

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