

Miraculous Protection (Acts 5:17-32)

Experience God's Power – Part 8

Life Church St. Louis – August 7, 2016

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1 Corinthians 2:13 (NIV) *This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.*

1 Corinthians 2:14 (NIV) *The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.*

Ephesians 6:12 (NIV) *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

Hebrews 1:14 (NIV) *Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?*

Acts 5:16 (NIV) *Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.*

1. You will face _____

Acts 5:17-18 (NIV) *Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.*

1A. _____ bring deliverance

Acts 5:19-20 (NIV) *But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people all about this new life."*

1B. _____ God's instructions

Acts 5:21 (NIV) *At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people. When the high priest and his*

associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles.

2. Persecution _____ stops

Acts 5:26 (NIV) *At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.*

2A. You must _____ God rather than man

Acts 5:29 (NIV) *Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings!"*

2B. Bear _____ to the whole Gospel

2B1. God _____ Jesus from the dead

Acts 5:30 (NIV) *The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross.*

2B2. God _____ Jesus as Prince and Savior

Acts 5:31 (NIV) *God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.*

2B3. God gives the _____ to the obedient

Acts 5:32 (NIV) *We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."*

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
- Study Acts 5 to better understand God's miracle-working power.
- Invite your friends, relatives, workmates & neighbors to our Sunday service.

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Intro. Why do we have difficulty in believing in spiritual, as opposed to physical reality?

How does God's Word open our eyes to spiritual reality (1 Corinthians 2:13)?

Why does an unbeliever have difficulty in believing in spiritual reality (1 Corinthians 2:14, 2 Corinthians 4:4)?

What does Ephesians 6:12 have to do with the difference between physical and spiritual reality? Why is this important?

According to Hebrews 1:14, what is one of the roles of angels? What other roles do they play in serving God?

How might the activities of the apostles recorded in Acts 5:16 have given rise to a counter-attack of Satan?

1A. Why were the Jewish leaders jealous of the apostles (Acts 5:17-18)?

1B. What does the angel's jail-break of the apostles tell you about angelic power (Acts 5:19-20, 23)? Why do you think that God had the angel rescue them?

1C. What risk were the apostles taking in obeying the angelic command (Acts 5:21)?

1D. Why are some believers protected and rescued and others aren't (Acts 7, Hebrew 11:32-40)?

1E. How can the knowledge and belief in the spiritual reality of angels and demons help in your Christian life?

2A. What restrained the Jewish leaders from using force in re-arresting the apostles (Acts 5:26)?

2B. How would you explain the principle that Peter stated in Acts 5:29? Why is it so important?

2C. Why is it important to teach that Jesus is risen from the dead in our witness (Acts 5:30)? In what way is every person responsible for the death of Jesus?

2D. Why must a person acknowledge Jesus not only as Savior, but as Prince or Lord in order to be saved (Acts 5:31, Romans 10:9)?

2E. In what ways is water baptism an acknowledgment of the Lordship of Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20)?

2F. Why is obedience required for the reception of the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:32)?

2G. In what ways are believers and the church undergoing increased persecution in our country? How is our religious liberty under attack?