

God's Guarding of Church Holiness

Pastor John Brackbill/Acts 5:1-11/11.22.15
10:45 am Morning Worship Service

Theme of the passage: God guards His church's holiness by dealing with _____ (5:1-11)

- Ananias and Sapphira's contrasting _____ (1-2)
 - They too sold a piece of property
 - But they _____ kept back some of the proceeds
 - Both of them were in on the deceit
- Peter confronts Ananias about his selfish deceit (3-4)
 - A confrontation through _____ (3-4a)
 - Why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit?
 - Why has Satan filled your heart to keep back some of the proceeds?
 - Why were you deceitful when it was under your control before you sold it?
 - Why were you deceitful when it was under your control after you sold it?
 - Why did you conceive this deceit in your heart?
 - A confrontation through declaration: You did not lie to men but to God (4b)

- God _____ Ananias for his selfish deceit (5-6)
- Sapphira arrives ignorant of what has taken place (7)
- Peter confronts Sapphira giving her an opportunity to _____ the deceit (8a)
- Sapphira doubles-down in the deceit (8b)
- Peter confronts Sapphira with the fact that with their deceit they had agreed to _____ of the Lord (9a)
- Peter announced God's same judgment of her as her husband (9b-10)
- God's judgment produced great _____ (11)

Principles about God dealing with sin in His Church

- God deals with sin in the church because it hinders the advancement of _____ in His church (1)
- God deals with sin in the church through spiritual _____ (5-6, 9)
- The result of God dealing with sin in His church is a _____ fear of God within the church (5, 11)