

## **THE GREAT AND DYNAMIC EARLY CHURCH** **(Acts 4:32–5:16)**

- *How is the word “great” used in this section of Acts?*

### **I. THE CHURCH’S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JERUSALEM (1–7)**

#### **A. The BIRTH of the CHURCH in JERUSALEM (1–2)**

#### **B. The INFANCY & GROWTH of the CHURCH in JERUSALEM (3–7)**

##### **1. The Powerful Miracle and Message of Peter in Jesus’ Name (3:1-26)**

##### **2. The Persecution, Witness, and Prayer of the Early Church (4:1-31)**

##### **3. The Great and Dynamic Early Church (4:32–5:16)**

###### a) The Dynamic Early Church’s Great Unity (4:32)

1) Over \_\_\_\_\_ believers in Jerusalem were \_\_\_\_\_. (1:14; 2:1, 46; 4:24; 5:12)

- *Why did they have such great unity?* (Eph. 4:3, 13-15; Phil. 1:27; 2:2)

2) The unity of the early church was demonstrated by \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_.

- *What need did the early church have at this time?* (Acts 2:41; 4:4)

###### b) The Dynamic Early Church’s Great Witness (4:33)

1) The apostles gave witness to Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ (1:22; 2:32) with great \_\_\_\_\_ (*dynamis*).

- *Where did this power come from?* (4:29, 31; Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 2:1-5; 2 Cor. 4:7)

2) The key to the dynamic witness of the early church was God’s \_\_\_\_\_ upon them. (1 Cor. 15:10; 2 Cor. 9:8; 12:9)

c) The Dynamic Early Church's Great Charity (4:32-37)

1) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the church in Jerusalem were met through the \_\_\_\_\_ of other believers and administrated by the \_\_\_\_\_.

- *What quality or fruit of the Spirit did these actions reflect? (John 3:16; Gal. 5:22)*
- *Did the church in Jerusalem remain poor? (11:29-30; 24:17; Rom. 15:25-27; Gal. 2:10; 2 Cor. 8-9)*

2) One positive example of this grace-giving was \_\_\_\_\_. (11:22-24)

- *Why was the early church's charity not communism?*

d) The Dynamic Early Church's Great Reverence (5:1-11)

1) Ananias conspired with his wife to \_\_\_\_\_ about selling their land and giving \_\_\_\_\_ the profit to the apostles. (5:1-6)

- *Who or what was behind this sin and why was it so serious?*
- *What does this passage teach about the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit?*
- *What did Ananias's sin result in?*

2) Sapphira also \_\_\_\_\_ to the apostles and the Holy Spirit, resulting in her \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ upon all. (5:7-12)

- *What does this passage teach us about divine discipline?*
- *What does this passage teach us about the importance of truth?*

e) The Dynamic Early Church's Great Miracles (5:12-16)

1) The apostles did many \_\_\_\_\_ (*sēmeia*) and \_\_\_\_\_ (*terata*).

2) These miracles resulted in the people \_\_\_\_\_ the apostles and multitudes of \_\_\_\_\_ being \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.

- *What does this passage say about true belief and publicly identifying with Christ?*
- *What can we learn from all of this?*