

Continuing Power in the Church (Acts 5:12-16)

Last time in Acts: considered God's judgment on Ananias & Sapphira

1. The deception of Ananias and Sapphira (5:1-2)
2. Peter's confrontation with Ananias (5:3-6)
3. Peter's Confrontation with Sapphira (5:8-10)
4. The effect of the death of Ananias and Sapphira: great fear (5:11)

I. Power through the Apostles & Great Fear among the People (5:12,13)

Proverbs 1:7 "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Lev 10:3)

Acts 4:32-37: great power and great grace in response to prayer (4:21-31)

Through the hands of apostles many signs & wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch.

God deals with sin in the church & the church continues to grow: 2 effects

The advancement of Gospel is not hindered & the church is strengthened

- a. Believers united in Solomon's Portico: large space for a growing church
- b. Perfect place for unbelievers to see signs & wonders & hear the Gospel

Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly

II. Believers were Increasingly Added to the Lord (5:14-16)

v. 14 And believers were increasingly added to the Lord

God continually, daily, added souls to the church, salvation of the Lord

As people believed the power of God manifested in healings & deliverance

Crowds were so large, people just wanted Peter's shadow to fall on them

For the first time Luke tells us people came from surrounding towns