

44-Acts-Pt05-Transcript

so of all the different things you can do at nonverbal communication the hardest thing is determining whether or not someone's lying or not it's not an easy thing it's a very very very difficult thing and the grand scheme of this is why it's difficult and the grand scheme of Union human interaction there is not one specific number

well good evening and this evening we're going to continue our study in the book of Acts and this is really all about Ananias and Sapphira and the lies that they were telling and being found out and so let's get right into it and see what that means to us as Christians today first we'll ask God's blessing on the study our Heavenly Father we come before you and we rejoice father that you are a God of truth and that you've given us the spirit of truth and a love for truth and we pray father that this evening as we go through the study we will understand the truth in your word in this chapter Acts chapter 5 we thank you we ask your blessing in Jesus name Amen

so we actually didn't finish Acts chapter 4 so we'll just finish the last section of chapter 4 and then get straight into chapter 5 it says here after the miraculous healing of the man and the bold preaching by Peter and by John here says the multitude and the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul neither said any of them that any of the things which he possessed was his own but they had all things in common and with great power gave the Apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus so notice the focus of their preaching was around

the resurrection of Jesus Christ and that's really important that we're following the story from acts 1 when Christ was resurrected and spent 40 days with his apostles teaching them instructing them and telling them that they would be his witnesses and there were many infallible proofs of his resurrection and the whole thrust of the message of the early church was the death burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ that he he came back to life from the grave and so that's the focus of the message here and with all boldness they're proclaiming this despite the resistance of the mess by certainly the Sadducees and the high priests and others who who hated this message but they preached it with boldness so with great power and that's the whole point of Pentecost that it would empower them to be his witnesses and so we can't have what I call scriptural amnesia where when we finish a chapter we leave that chapter where where it is in the past and we have to bring the whole thing with us so as we're coming now we're remembering this is all about Pentecost and the empowering of the church by the Holy Spirit and their ability then to preach with power with great power as a result of Pentecost gave the Apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and great grace was upon them all neither was there any among them that lacked for as many as we're possessors of lands or houses sold them and brought the prices of the things that were sold and laid them down at the Apostles feet and distribution was made unto every man according as he had me so everybody sold what they had gave it to the Apostles and the parcels then distributed this

wealth to make sure that everybody was looked after and it says here and Jose or Joseph who by the Apostles was surnamed Barnabas which is being interpreted the son of consolation a Levite and of the country of Cyprus having land sold it and brought the money and laid it at the Apostles feet so it almost seems like Luke is being repetitive here first he tells us that everybody who had land and possessions sold it gave the price of whatever they sold it for to the Apostles and laid it at their feet and now it seems like he's repeating himself and he says that Barnabas did this as well and I think what he's really doing here is setting up this contrast and maybe even telling us that it was because of Barnabas Joseph that he being the son of consolation that is the Sun of encouragement may have been the one that triggered this that he was the example that everybody looked at and was inspired by and that's what gave rise to this movement of sharing the wealth and and it's really important here that that Luke calls out what Barnabas means or Barnabas said Barnabas what it means that it means son of consolation and that word consolation is taken from the Greek parrot closest paralysis sounds a lot like Heraclitus which is the comforter and in fact if we look at he right now so we'll come back to them second but here in Romans 10 highlighting the fact that the wealth that was sold was brought to the Apostles and laid at their feet it says here in Romans 10 Paul writes for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved so this is the opportunity now for people to have salvation if they call upon the name of

the Lord but how then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard and how shall they hear without a preacher so so they have to have a preacher to hear the Word of God and to be able to call on the name of Jesus and how shall they preach except they be sent so that this preaching requires the miraculous intervention of God it requires great boldness and great power and who's going to have this boldness and power to preach in the midst of hatred of Christ unless they're sent by God himself so how is and that's that's the Apostle thing that are sent as it is written how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things so so the the word has to get out it has to be preached it can't be preached unless someone is sent but those that are sent by God to preach this good news how beautiful are their feet wherever they go it's just a thing of of grace and beauty and it seems like the church understood how beautiful the feet of the apostles were and so they sold their possessions took their money and laid it at these beautiful feet of the apostles who are bringing glad tidings but notice now that this preaching that's done this invitation to the gospel this invitation to the kingdom it's not done in in full acceptance because he says here he goes on in verse 16 of Romans 10 but they have not all obeyed the gospel so there are people who disobey the gospel who hate the Gospel message so even though the word is being preached and is being sent by God or people are being sent by God to preach it but they have not all

obeyed the gospel for Isaiah says Lord who has believed our report so then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God so the Word of God has to get out there and then faith will come by that hearing but not everybody's gonna believe in fact here in John what would price own words he tells us that you got to go and preach this message but listen all these things they will do unto you for my name's sake don't don't take it personally it's because of me so them do these things for my name's sake because they know not him that sent me so the method that the preacher has to be sent

God sent Christ as his apostle Christ sent the Twelve Apostles as Christ's apostles but the person that's being sent preaches the message with power it's not always well received and Christ is telling them ahead of time that this is what they're going to do to you and he says hey if I had not come and spoken unto them they wouldn't have had sin but now they have no cloak for their sin there's no way to hide it he that hates me hates my father also so Christ and his father are one

you can't take one but not the other you can't say I believe in the father but I don't believe in Christ or I believe in Christ but I don't believe in the father they're one and so if you hate Christ you hate the father also but when the comforter the Parakh lights us is calm whom I will send unto you from the father even the Spirit of Truth the Holy Spirit is a spirit of truth which proceeds from the father he shall testify of me so so you have to be sent but in order to do this preaching you need power and so that's what Pentecost is all about that the Holy Spirit comes

into the apostles and it enables them then with the church to preach Christ with power and it is spirit of truth it speaks the truth which proceeds from the father it's what will testify of me and you also shall bear witness because you have been with me from the beginning these things have I spoken unto you that you should not be offended so so when these things happen don't be surprised don't be upset don't be turned away don't be turned off it's all prophesied that the preacher has to be sent people have to hear this gospel of great news good news but it's not going to be well received even though it's the truth and it's preached by the Spirit of Truth it's not going to be well received by everybody they shall put you out of the synagogues verse 2 of chapter 16 John 16 yes the time comes that whosoever kills you will think that he does God's service so so there has to be some false doctrine that people are hearing that is resisting the true doctrine so here is the truth of Christ but somebody's got some false doctrine or somebody's whispering false doctrine in people's ears so when they hear the this truth they hate it because they hate the father and they hate the son and therefore for the sake of Christ's name they're going to kill them and they'll think that they're doing God's service and these things will they do unto you because they have not not known the father nor me so how shall one preach unless he be sent it requires miraculous power to preach this truth because when it's preached Satan is going to hear it and he's gonna want to destroy it and he's gonna want to destroy the people who are preaching it so one has

to be sent by God
in order to preach this truth now notice
what John writes after learning from
Christ in first John 2:18 he says little
children it is the last time and as you
have heard that Antichrist shall come if
they're against Christ they're against
the father if they hate Christ they hate
the father because Christ and the father
are one so you have heard then the last
time that Antichrist shall come even now
right now already there are many
antichrists whereby we know that it is
the last time they went out from us but
they were not of us for if they had been
of us they would no doubt have continued
with us but they went out that they
might be made manifest that they were
not all of us and he goes on to say but
you have an unction from the Holy Spirit
from the Holy One that you know all
things so the Holy Spirit teaches you so
you know all things I have not written
unto you because you know not the truth
but because you know it so so you're
going to be resisted and I'm writing to
encourage you because you know the truth
and that no lie is of the truth so this
is all about truth and error truth and
lying but there are people out there
that are going to be Liars that are
going to endorse lying and then there's
the truth and the truth is that Christ
is the son of God that he was crucified
that he was buried and he was in the
grave for three days and three nights
and by the miraculous power of God he
was resurrected and exalted that's the
truth and that's what needs to be
preached but that's going to be resisted
with lies and those who embrace those
lies are going to think that they're
doing God's service by killing those who
preach the truth and no lie is of the

truth who is a liar but he that denieth
at Jesus is
the Christ he is Antichrist that denies
the father and the son Christ said that
I and my father are one so if you deny
that that's Antichrist
whosoever denies the son the same has
not the father but he that acknowledges
the thought that the son has the father
also so it's a package and notice the
Holy Spirit is not mentioned here it's
not a Trinity package it's a
father-and-son package and that's very
clear if you read the book of Revelation
at the very end the the Sun turns
everything over to the father and the
father comes down and we all worship the
father with Christ and it's a
father-and-son package and Christ is the
pioneer of salvation for all of us but
we cannot deny the divinity of Christ
and John is writing very early on as
this Gnostic movement was starting to
gain ground and today we are facing the
spirit of Antichrist we are facing a
very strong spirit against the divinity
of Christ and we're seeing that in the
form of Islam and a lot of people think
that Islam has nothing to do with
Christianity but in Arabia and India one
of the Apostles Thomas traveled to
Arabia and traveled to India preaching
the gospel and as a result of that the
Liars the Gnostics came up with this
Gospel of Thomas and if you read it you
don't have to get very far before you
will burst out laughing it is completely
ridiculous and it just has nothing to do
with the truth and no scholar takes this
seriously
so the Gospel of Thomas denies the
divinity of Christ and tries to play up
that he was just a miracle worker
now Islam takes the Gospel of Thomas

seriously and in fact it's very interesting because Muhammad's prophet prophethood was endorsed by his by his wife's cousin waraqa worker even novel who was a st. Thomas Christian he was a heretic a heretic and he did not believe fully in the divinity of Christ and so that's where Mohammed got educated in in his concept of Christ as not God and so Islam is really an outgrowth as John says they went out from us so that it was shown that they were not of us and so saying today these Gnostic Christians who came up with the gospel of Saint Thomas they came out of us but they're not of us an Islam came out of them Islam's root is Gnostic Christianity a lot of people don't realize that and so we see now in Turkey where as a result of the failed coup media there's a huge media crackdown huge crackdown on any kind of a free speech and we're gonna see that the Turkish in the former Ottoman Empire rise up again and if you're a Christian and you're in Turkey I'd advise that you get out of there we see Isis rising up and and in Europe being is subject to islamification and possibly North America being subject to its modification we see Saudi Arabia rising up again in its its capabilities through through oil as a result of oil kind of hit the lottery and the power now of Saudi Arabia in this last time so we're seeing this this spirit of Antichrist sweeping over the world denying the Sun hating the divinity of Christ and the father and son come as a package going back to the scripture then whoever denies the son this truth that comes from the Holy Spirit the same has not the father but he that acknowledges the son has the father also so going back to

acts now where we saw and him again not what I was saying here is that Luke calls out Joseph Barnabas and and calls out that he's the son of consolation as if what he's saying is this act of Josette to to share his wealth with the Apostles and and have it distributed in and be subject to them state here it is and you guys are I trust that you will look after me as as I need looking after and as everybody local needs looking after that that act was inspired by the comforter which Christ promised to give and so they called him the son of the comforter the son of comfort and so as a result of that it seems that he's saying that that's why that's what triggered everyone else then to share and behave the same way now when everybody saw this and called out Barnabas to say what a wonderful example a certain man named Ananias with Sapphira his wife sold a possession so they followed suit they followed the example now Barnabas would have done it out of comfort wanting to encourage the Apostle so that they know that they have the ability to be sent and preach this gospel and wanting to encourage the the Brethren and make sure that everybody was looked after so that was and again this is all about Pentecost and the movement of the whole said that we could we entitled this study Acts of the Holy Spirit the real what it should be called his acts of Jesus Christ because Jesus Christ was acting in the Gospel of Luke and Luke continues to show that Jesus Christ continues to work on earth after his resurrection so it's the acts of Jesus Christ but but for our purposes were calling it the acts of the Holy Spirit because it's that comforter that Jesus promised to send that is enabling

these men to do what they're doing so
were seeing the acts of the Holy Spirit
and even this act of bar Barnabas it is
an act of the Holy Spirit the son of
comfort it's an act of the comforter to
comfort the Apostles to comfort the
Brethren so Ananias now sees this act
and thinks he wants he he loves the
praise perhaps the recognition that
Barnabas is getting but a certain man
named Ananias with Sapphira his wife
sold a possession and kept back part of
the price so this is different everyone
else who was selling me and then
everything was distributed to everybody
was looked after but in this case that
kept back a part of the price his wife
also being privy to it and brought a
certain part and laid that at the
Apostles feet and so so that's what they
they're doing now is they're taking a
part of it and and trying to behave and
look like everybody else and it's like
wow we're in this too and maybe maybe it
was significant maybe it was more than
most but it wasn't everything and they
were now
like while we're impoverished ooh and
and we have this great faith like like
Barnabas has and like everybody else has
so they laid that at the Apostles feet
and Peter saw straight through it and
you saw in the opening segment there how
difficult it is to know when people are
lying to you because there's no single
adds no single technique to say I'm not
lying because if there was then
everybody would just do that it's it's
very very hard there's so many different
signs that we have to look for but again
this is the movement of the Holy Spirit
the power of the Holy Spirit
so Peter empowered by the Holy Spirit
knowing that no lie is of the truth that

this is a spirit of truth he's God God shows him what's going on and Peter said Ananias why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the price of the land now this is a text that people use to prove the Trinity they'll say that you know you can't lie to an essence you can't lie to energy you know you can only lie to people therefore the Holy Spirit is a person therefore this proves the Trinity well that's not really what's going on here if you actually look at the Greek text here in acts 3 5 verse 3 where it says here I Peter Petros he said to Peter and Aniyah deity why it play resent you so you're lying why have you course if this is to be filled with Satan so word order is not important to the Greek in terms of the way it is in English but it says so Satan hosts Atanas 10 Karndean you're the heart of you sous-sous a state that is to lie so we have like pseudo with the Greek word su or root pseudo to lie you and then it just says toe NUMA toe ah diong so Holy Spirit so there are no preposition in Greek when we move from Greek a very inflected language to English in order to make sense of it we have to supply the prepositions all this really says is that the Satan has filled the heart of you to lie or or lying you're lying Holy Spirit but to make sense of that we then fill in these prepositions to say he's filled your heart so we know that Satan is the filler it is he's in the nominative case so the subject is Satan and then your heart and Holy Spirit are in the accusative case they receive the action so Satan is doing the action your heart is receiving it and the Holy Spirit is receiving the action and so to

make sense of this now we supply these propositions but again if we think in terms of the context of everything that we've been through adapts and what Luke is trying to show here the movement of the Holy Spirit in order to endorse and justify Paul's ministry what we see is the Holy Spirit coming down on Pentecost filling everybody enabling everybody to act miraculously through the power of the Holy Spirit with healing with preaching with powerful testimony and empowering the son of comfort the comforter empowering the son of comfort to do this charitable act having this gift of charity that Barnabas had that inspired everybody else to behave this way and then Ananias wanting part of the action and pretending that he too is moved this way and so I think if I were to supply the the translation here I would say but Peter said Ananias why has Satan filled your heart to lie and to lot two is the sense it makes sense there because lie is in the infinitive case so when we move it from greek to english it's to lie that the infinitive verb i would say to lie about the holy spirit so the holy spirit is still receiving the action the preposition that I would use in terms of how it receives the action is to lie about the Holy Spirit you're pretending that the Holy Spirit is empowering you you're misleading everybody and so you're lying about the Holy Spirit it's not empowering you but you're pretending that it is and to keep that part of the price of the land now this actually makes sense because the punishment that Ananias receives as a result of lying about the Holy Spirit Christ actually prophesied he says therefore I say unto you all manner of sin and blasphemy

shall be forgiven unto man but the blasphemy and notice against is in italics because what they're showing you is as they move from the greek to english they have to supply the prepositions and so here they would say against again I would say about but the blasphemy about the Holy Spirit shall not be forgiven unto man and that's why Ananias was struck dead because it's blasphemy against the Holy Spirit so going back to acts 5 but Peter said Ananias why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit you should have known that the Holy Spirit is moving powerfully in the church did you think you could get away with this why has he filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the price of the land into to make it appear like you're being empowered like everybody else by the Holy Spirit while it remained wasn't it yours nobody was forcing you to do this this is all voluntary this is the way where the Spirit of God is there is freedom as it says in I believe that's in Corinthians 2nd Corinthians 3 while it remained was it not your own and after it was sold wasn't it in your own power that this is you you don't have nobody's forcing you to do this why have you conceived this thing in your heart you've colluded this collusion with you in the devil to do what what do you what are you doing you trying to rise up in rank in the church to be in a position of influence so that Satan can use you to destroy the church while God's not having that he's laying the foundation of the church and he's not going to allow you to succeed that the gates of Hell can not prevail against the church

why have you conceived this thing in your heart notice this he says you have not lied unto men but unto God so so this is the issue you're lying about the Holy Spirit you're you think you're deceiving men so we're all looking at you and thinking wow look at that look at them look how much money he's bringing that's amazing so so we're all being deceived but the Holy Spirit sees through it and he's saying you've not lied unto men but unto God so how is this how is it that he's lying unto God I'm saying he's lying about the Holy Spirit to men but now Peter is saying you haven't lied to man you've lied to God and that I think is explained in Colossians 1 and verse 18 that Christ is the head of the body and that's what Luke is writing about that after his death burial and resurrection he rose to heaven he sent down the Holy Spirit and he continues to work now the church so he's still on earth he's still working with these men that are his body and he is the head of the body the church who is the beginning the firstborn from the dead so he's the first one to be born again the rest of us will follow at his appearing that in all things he might have the preeminence and when you treat the church a certain way that's how you're treating me whether for good or for bad and he's going to separate the sheep from the goats depending on how they treated him and so here you've not lied unto men but unto God because the church is Christ as the Holy Spirit empowers them so he says you know you had you could have done this you've not lied unto God born unto man and verse 5 and Ananias hearing these words he fell down dead he fell down and gave up the spirit in

man not the Holy Spirit but just had that the sperry gave up the ghost and great fear came on all them that heard these words they realize like wow this is real and they've watched since Pentecost the Holy Spirit moving they've seen the miraculous healing they've seen the powerful preaching with boldness they see the Holy Spirit and they experience the Holy Spirit moving and this is now this man tries to deceive and pretend that he's empowered by the Holy Spirit and God strikes him down dead and so this is off this is awesome and great fear came upon them and the young men arose whelmed him up bound him up and carried him out and buried him and it was about the space of three hours later when his wife not knowing what happened came in so so she thinks this great design that they came up with that her husband is now going to be honored and a lot of women will support their husbands and try to push their husbands forward because when the husband is honored there they get that honor too and so this was her way of kind of moving up in the world and so she's happy now to come in and say is it my husband he's just so spiritually so giving he thinks so much of others and oh you know I tried to discourage him but no he you know we just thought this was the right thing to do this is the godly thing to do and so Peter answered unto her tell me what you sold the land for so much so cuz this is what Ananias told us like that this is how much he he sold the land for and she said yes yeah that's right for so much then Peter said there he's east like beside himself this is amazing you know it's not just that Ananias did it but you did it together youyou agreed

together he says how is it like man
really how is it that you've agreed
together to try the Spirit of the Lord
like do you not understand that Jesus
Christ is moving here on earth and that
this is a spirit of truth how did you
come up with this together and it's not
just one of you both of you agreed to do
this to try the spirit together
then Peter said to her behold the feet
of them which have buried your husband
are at the door and they shall carry you
out then she fell down immediately at
his feet and again it's really Lucas
really playing on here the feet so
everybody's bringing the wealth and
laying it at their feet they're then
distributing it man and Barnabas was the
one who but I think initiated that and
then Ananias came and did the same thing
and then he fell at the Apostles feet
and then she did as well
fell at the Apostles feet so this how
beautiful are the feet of truth
preaching the truth so so the young man
came in so she fell down yielded up the
ghost and the young man came in so three
hours later they come back from burying
her husband and found her dead and
carried her out and buried her beside
her husband so there they are that the
liars the ones who try to come into the
church and deceive the church and rent
pretend that the Holy Spirit was acting
in them and lying about the Holy Spirit
and great fear came upon all the church
and upon as many as heard these things
so not just the church but everybody who
heard these things they were in awe of
the power of God in His Holy Spirit and
now so it's all feet feet feet and now
by the hands of the Apostles were many
signs and wonders wrought among the
people remember the Holy Spirit is

working in the church as the body of Christ the head is in heaven but the hands and feet are on earth and in here now the hands of the Apostles were and by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people and they were all with one Accord in Solomon's parts there was complete unity and that's again what the Holy Spirit does that everybody realizes they all have different gifts but every gift is for the benefit of all and that we see that in 1st Corinthians 12 that we're here to serve one another and and so we're empowered and Christ gives us the comforter that enables us to love one another and comfort one another and preach the truth of the gospel boldly so here they're all in one Accord there's no oh I want to do miracles and signs too I want to be seen know wherever the Spirit works that's where it works and they're all with one Accord in Solomon's porch and of the rest there no men join himself to them so so you know people were joining the church but there were people who like Wow you know maybe their heart isn't right and they know that they're not going to take the chance given what just happened to enna Nyhus and Sapphira but the people magnified them they realized while God is at work and believers people who again the you hear the gospel you've got to respond to it so those who responded to the preaching the believers were more the more added to the Lord so multitudes both of men and women so the church is just growing and growing through this powerful testimony in so much that they brought forth the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and couches that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them there

came also a multitude out of the city so lots of people coming multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem bringing sick folks and them which were vexed with unclean spirits and they were healed every one I mean this this is a if there's ever cause for joy ever cause for celebration ever cause for praising God here it is that that people who've been vexed with unclean spirits people who've been terribly sick people who've been disabled from birth every single one was released this this is amazing in time for great joy but not for everybody not for everybody

verse 17 then the high priest rose up and all day that were with him so again we see the same thing that we saw in acts 4 that some people have a vested interest in the power structure the way that it is

in being honored the way that they are and they don't care about truth what they care about is being in positions of honor and positions of power in this world in this life that's all they've got so they've gotta knock themselves out the high priest rose up and all day that were with him which is the sect of the Sadducees again those that don't believe in the resurrection and then this preaching of the Resurrection and seeing the power of Christ after his resurrection

it just completely upsets their doctrine their doctrine is completely ridiculed it's completely diminished we might as well just throw it out the window as all these people are being healed and realizing who the teachers of truth really are they're not going to listen to these people anymore so they're filled with indignation and laid their hands on the Apostles and put

them in the common prison but the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors again laid them the miraculous working of God and brought them forth and said so so once they saw they've been imprisoned once they're released and we saw this in chapter four when they went back to the congregation and the congregation prayed that they'd be filled with boldness to preach this word and here now they're imprisoned and the angel releases them and the angel doesn't say run for your life run for your life no it's all about you run for your life no it's all about Christ and being witnesses for Christ make sure he says go stand don't run stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life so go straight back to the temple and tell the people the testimony that Christ has given you and tell the people all the words of this life and when they heard that they entered into the temple early in the morning they didn't sleep in they didn't drag their feet they didn't say oh do we do we have to maybe you know let's just have a let's just have another big breakfast and it may be this is our last breath it got early I went straight to work and they talked but the high priest came and they that were with him and called the council together and all the Senate of the children of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought but when the officers came and found them not in the prison so they came to the prison these men were supposed to be there they're not there they returned and told saying the prison truly found we shut with all safety like really the prison was shut we guarantee it it was locked there's no way they could

have escaped and the keepers standing
without before the door so not only is
the prison locked the prison guards are
keeping guard but when we had opened we
found no man inside we found no man with
him now when the high priest and the
captain of the temple and the chief
priests heard these things they doubted
of them were unto this would grow so so
they're seeing they're they're hearing
all these miracles they've seen all
these miracles that everybody is
rejoicing in the miraculous power of God
they're trying to stop it they they've
got the people in pretty apostles
imprisoned and miraculously the prison
they the Apostles are released and
they're thinking like where is this
gonna go like this this is this is awful
from their perspective this is terrible
then came one and told them saying
behold the same man who you put in
prison and the prison is now empty those
same men they're spending in the temple
and they're teaching the people then
went the captain with the officers and
brought them without violence for they
feared the people so all these people
have been blessed their families have
been blessed their friends have been
blessed people who have suffered that
they they have we've seen firsthand this
suffering they've all been released from
this suffering and it's all as a result
of the work of these men so there's no
way they can go in and rough them up and
treat them violently because the people
would turn on them immediately because
they've been a source of blessing as
Christ is truly a source of blessing for
all mankind
the true mercy to all mankind then went
the captain with the officers and
brought them without violence for they

feared the people lest they should have been stoned so they're happy to stone people but they're afraid to be stoned and when they had brought them they set them before the council and the high priest and asked them saying didn't we straightly like weren't we clear didn't didn't we make this absolutely clear to you did not we straightly command you that you should not teach in this name and you've done the opposite and behold you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine which is the opposite of our doctrine and we told you don't do this and now we find you filled Jerusalem with your doctrine and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us so when people put two and two together and realize that we are the cause of the crucifixion of Christ they're going to stone us they're gonna want our blood so you can't do this again it's not about truth it's not about Christ it's about us and our in our cushy positions and our positions of power and influence and we're not going to give this out then Peter and again this is all about the movement of the Holy Spirit they're now facing the authorities just as Christ said you'll be brought before it before them you'll be kicked out of their synagogues that you'll be hated by them you'll be killed by them so here they are in the synagogue's now in their council then Peter and the other apostles knowing everything that Christ had instructed them and that they're there to be witnesses and servants said we ought to obey God rather than men and we quote this line a lot we ought to obey God rather than men but again we need to be aware of the context the context is you have filled Jerusalem with your

doctrine our doctrine is that there is
no resurrection your doctrine is that
Jesus Christ was resurrected and that in
his name you're doing all this wonderful
work that he's alive that's your
doctrine we want you to stop well he
says no we ought to obey God wants us to
preach the resurrection
is Christ and so when we quote this
verse we ought to obey God rather than
men what we should be saying to
ourselves and saying to anybody who's
listening is that we can't help but
preach the resurrection of Jesus Christ
you might not like it but it's the truth
and the Holy Spirit within us is going
to preach the truth and the truth is
that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and
there are many infallible proofs and
many brethren saw it and here it is the
miraculous working in acts of the
resurrected Christ we ought to obey God
rather than men we're not afraid of men
as Christ warned us not to the God of
our fathers again here it is it's the
context it's all about the resurrection
that's what they were preaching boldly
and so they're being warned and
commanded not to preach this doctrine
the doctrine of the resurrection the god
of our fathers resurrected Jesus whom
you slew and hung on a true tree so you
crucified Him but God resurrected him
and we're gonna preach that him has God
exalted with a name that's above every
name him has God exalted with his right
hand to be a prince and a saviour so
he's going to be the chief and the
Savior he's the king and the Savior for
to give repentance to Israel it's to
Israel and there is no other covenant
except the covenant with Israel there is
no covenant with Gentiles doesn't matter
who you are who your prophets are who

your holy men are the only covenant God has with man is with Israel but through his wonderful mercy that covenant is opened up to all Gentiles and all Gentiles can come into can be grafted into Israel and can be grafted into this covenant and when the New Jerusalem comes down it will have 12 gates and not one of those gates will be a Gentile gate all of those twelve gates will be the gates of Israel and you have to come in through one of those gates you have to be grafted into Israel outside of the New Jerusalem our dogs and the Gentiles all Gentiles all human beings without the Holy Spirit
nefesh just flashed just-just-just temporary life so if you're outside of the New Jerusalem you're just temporary life but if you're grafted into Israel the true Israel of God then you have repentance of and forgiveness of sins and we so this is this is what it is so he's the resurrected Christ we are his witnesses of these things
so you're commanding us not to preach the resurrection for this purpose were we born this is why we're in this is why were in the world at this time is to preach to be to be witnesses to the point of martyrdom of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and we are his witnesses of these things so they're his witnesses notice this and so is also the Holy Spirit the Spirit of Truth the comforter whom God has given to them that obey Him
so this is how we today in 2016 and beyond all over the world Christ says this gospel shall be preached in all the world as a witness in all nations regardless of what men say regardless of what their law said that they're going to be people empowered by the Holy Spirit all over the world to preach this

gospel and so we are as witnesses of these things and so is the Holy Spirit this is witnesses is a legal term when you're going to be a witness this is something that you you swear to tell the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth and you declare the truth and so you know I wasn't alive when Christ was on the earth so for me to say that Christ is the son of God that's that that would be a false testimony except for the fact that God gives his Holy Spirit to those who obey Him and the Holy Spirit as Christ prophesied bears witness of him being the son of God so it's the Holy Spirit in us that bears witness and again I call your attention to the anti Christic movement of Islam that the very first step of becoming a Muslim is to bear witness that Muhammad is the prophet of God you didn't meet Muhammad you don't know Muhammad and you're bearing witness that's a legal term and this Holy Spirit is a spirit truth and so the only way we can declare witness is because the Holy Spirit is in US and it's a spirit of truth and here he says in John 15 when the comforter is come whom I will send unto you from the father even the Spirit of Truth it's a Spirit of Truth which proceeds from the father that Spirit of Truth whom God gives to those who obey Him who obey Him he it shall testify of me back to acts 5 so we are his witnesses of these things and so also as the Holy Spirit from God was given to them that obey Him so all of all true Christians and when they heard that they were cut to the heart to repent to say Wow okay we've heard the truth we want to repent and we want to be forgiven no they were cut to the heart and took counsel to

slay them they they they just that
cannot have this these men are not going
to stop preaching the truth which the
Holy Spirit that on the day of Pentecost
they've been empowered with the Holy
Spirit is just empowering them to do
this regardless of opposition then stood
their up one in the council a Pharisee
so somebody well-versed in the law named
Gamaliel so Gamaliel was highly
respected in fact he was Paul's
instructor a doctor of the law had in
reputation among all the people and so
he was held in reputation held in high
esteem and he commanded to put the
Apostles forth a little space so so he's
watching all of this he's well-versed in
the scriptures he knows what the
scriptures say and what the prophecies
say and he says to the to the council
send the Apostles out so I just want to
talk to you privately and he said unto
them you men of Israel be careful so so
you want it you want to slay these men
take heed to yourselves what you intend
to do as touching these men
for before these days rose up foodists
boasting himself to be somebody and so
this is this is a key key key verse here
and we'll see this later in when we get
to chapter 8 this is the this is sort of
the the key because in Revelation tells
us that there is going to be people
doing these great miracles and and and
what we look for when Christ came to
earth he didn't boast of himself he came
and he declared the Father and when the
Apostles come along after him they
didn't come in boast of themselves they
came and they declared Christ the
resurrected Christ as the Son of God and
so the Holy Spirit never it's a spirit
of you at first Corinthians 13 tells us
it's a spirit of love and love doesn't

boast itself it doesn't puff itself up
so when we see men declaring that they
are something I am they let the Prophet
I am the apostle I am this great one and
we'll see this in Simon Magus when we
get to chapter 8 red flag red flag red
flag red flag so he these men this man
through this come boasting himself to be
somebody to whom a number of men so
people fall for this all the time
a number of men about 400 men they join
themselves with him so they agreed to oh
yeah he's somebody and they supported
him he was slain and all as many as
obeyed him were scattered there they're
wooden and brought to nothing so their
work just came to nothing so he rose up
he was something for a little while it
was not of God and it came to nothing
and all those people that invested
themselves in that movement they came to
nothing and that's why Paul says in
first Corinthians 13 without love I'm
nothing
the God is a goddess love and the holy
spirit is a spirit of love and activates
men with love after this man so after
him after through this another man rose
up Judas of Galilee in the days of the
taxon and he drew away many people after
him so he also came to clearing himself
and again you know what will did it say
a sucker is born every minute a lot of
people followed him as well he also
perished and all even as many as obeyed
him were dispersed so they all came to
nothing
well and all the investment that they
made in following him came to nothing
red flag red flag red flag red flag red
flag sound the alarm
when people come along declaring
themselves to be some great person and
now I say unto you refrain from these

men and leave them alone don't don't do
it like leave like listen I'm seeing
things I'm connecting the dots I'm
looking at the scriptures this seems
authentic to me so I'm telling you leave
these men alone for if this counsel or
this work be of men it'll come to
nothing it's just it's just going to be
just like the work before it that that
the stone that the builders refused is
going to come crashing to earth it's
going to destroy all the governments of
the world and it's going to establish
the kingdom of God and all of those
governments are going to be ground to
dust and the wind is gonna blow them
away so that there is no trace they will
all come to nothing and the kingdom of
God will be established God is gonna do
this we don't have to do it for him we
don't have to go out killing people or
trying to establish the the hegemony of
Christ he's gonna do it for himself that
stone is coming and he's gonna do it all
we have to do is declare the truth so he
says for this counselor this work of its
own men it'll come to nothing but if it
is of God which which God Gamaliel seems
to be suspecting if it is of God you
cannot overthrow it you can't the gates
of Hell will not prevail against the
church the stone that the builders fuse
will become the head Cornerstone you
cannot overthrow it lest haply you be
found even to fight against God and
that's our warning to anybody who wants
to be anti Christic you cannot fight
against God Jesus Christ is returning
and he is going to establish his
government and we're inviting all men
God is inviting all men everywhere to
repent to embrace the gospel to embrace
Jesus Christ as your personal Savior
and do not be found fighting against God

and when they heard his counsel they agreed and when they called so they called the Apostle so they listened to him privately what he said made sense if it's not of God it's gonna come to nothing if it is of God they should not be found to fight against God so they called the Apostles back when they call people and they just can't help themselves Christ says you're gonna be hated so they hate these men and they hate what they stand for and they hate the doctrine that they're preaching so they're gonna let them go but not before beating them so they call the Apostles and when they had beaten them they commanded them that they should not speak in the name of Jesus so they repented here Gamaliel talk them out of killing them but I couldn't help but beat them and then they want to command to them look don't teach this anymore so they commanded them that they should not speak in the name of Jesus and they let them go and the de pasto is departed from the presence of the council so they left the presence of the council they've been arrested they've been threatened they've been beaten now they're let go and when they departed from the council rejoicing they were rejoicing that they'll that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name this is true Christianity Christ came and suffered and he calls us to follow him we should not be afraid of suffering as long as it's in his name in fact the opposite if we are counted worthy to suffer shame in his name and certainly around the world is certainly in the Middle East if people are suffering in his name and if you're a true Christian and you are suffering in his name rejoice here in 1st Peter 4 he

says yet if any man suffer as a
Christian so don't suffer as a murderer
don't murder someone and then you get
arrested you get caught and you're gonna
go to prison for life or whatever's
going to happen to you don't blow
yourself up don't don't don't do these
things

but if you suffer as a Christian you're
not killing anybody you're not lying to
anybody you're not stealing from anybody
you're just declaring the truth as the
Spirit gives utterance as the spirit
empowers you you're declaring to the
world and to anybody who will listen to
you Jesus Christ is the son of God
Christ and the father are one if you
hate Christ you hate the father if you
don't accept Christ you don't accept the
father they are one this is what we
declare if you suffer for declaring that
truth that Christ is that the risen the
resurrected Christ is the son of God if
you suffer for that don't be ashamed
glorify God on this on this behalf the
fact that you were chosen to suffer for
Christ glorify God don't be ashamed and
then the scripture then ends in acts 5
saying daily in the temple and in every
house so they've just been commanded not
to preach they've been threatened
they've been imprisoned they've been
beaten and now after all of this they're
rejoicing that they have been selected
to follow in Christ's footsteps and
Christ told them beforehand what would
happen and it's not personal it's not
it's nothing against it's not the way
they look it's not the accent they have
it's not that they did something in the
past it's just that Satan hates Christ
and they've been chosen to represent
Christ and Satan is working in the
hearts of men against Christ and so the

fact that they should suffer for Christ
is cause for great rejoicing and so
daily after they've just been commanded
not to preach in this name daily every
single day in the temple right there in
Solomon's porch and in every house they
went from house to house they ceased not
to teach

and preach Jesus Christ so they preached
Jesus Christ to to to the Israel at
large and they taught more specifically
in depth what what Christ taught to them
to those who were converted and and you
know past this prologue where we were
given these scriptures as a GPS as a way
to help us navigate in the modern world
and John told us that there's going to
be an auntie Christic spirit that's
going to sweep the planet and when it
does this we need to declare the truth
this gospel shall be preached in all the
world as a witness and then the end will
come that we don't have to do we don't
have to do this we don't have to
establish the kingdom Christ is going to
establish the kingdom our job through
the power of the Holy Spirit is to be
bold witnesses for Christ I hope you
enjoyed the study I certainly enjoy it I
love the scriptures and they're so
empowering so inspiring and I certainly
hope that you'll join us next week as we
continue in Acts chapter 6