

# IGNITE

## A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

### Momentum

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Acts 5:12-42

In Acts 5, we see the early church flourishing because the Holy Spirit is ungrieved. In the face of rejection and ridicule, the believers were steadfast in their commitment to Christ. We learn from the first followers of Jesus that the gospel movement gained momentum when the Holy Spirit was not grieved and the church would not compromise. As we examine Acts 5:12-42, we see...

#### Key Thought

**A Spirit filled and uncompromising church will make a gospel impact.**

### The Ungrieved Holy Spirit at Work!

Acts 5:12-16; Ephesians 4:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; 1 Timothy 2:19-21)

- The gospel spreads when the Holy Spirit is not grieved by sin in the church.
- Sin grieves the Holy Spirit and stifles the expansion of the church and the declaration of the gospel.
- Spiritual power and influence is in direct proportion to the church's purity.

The fear of the Lord is the appropriate response when one clearly sees and comprehends the character of God in light of their spiritual condition.

- Purity in the church is both a personal and corporate matter.

Uncompromising commitment to holiness characterized these believers—not the fearful commitment of self-righteous legalism but one springing out of love for the Lord.

(MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1994). *Acts*. MacArthur New Testament Commentary (161). Chicago: Moody Press.)

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### The Uncompromised Church/Christian Response to Rejection and Ridicule! Acts 5:17-42

- **Your resolve to live obediently for the Lord Jesus Christ will result in ridicule and rejection.**  
(verses 17-28; 34-40) (John 15:18-20; 2 Timothy 3:12) (see verses 41-42)
- **Your response to those who ridicule and reject you should focus on the gospel of Jesus Christ.**  
(verses 29-32)
- **Your response to ridicule and rejection should include...**  
(verses 41-42) (James 1:2; Matthew 5:10; 1 Peter 4:12-14,19)
  - **Praise to God** – (Galatians 6:17; Colossians 1:24; 1 Peter 4:13)
  - **Bolder proclamation of the gospel**

Remember what Paul said to the church in Corinth...

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things? (2 Corinthians 2:14-16)