

**Acts 5:12-32**  
**Obedience To God**

1. **The Assault to the Church from within - Purity is of Highest Regard - Acts 5:1-11**
  - a. Hebrews 12:4-11
  - b. Matthew 18:15-20
  - c. 1 Corinthians 5:1-13
  - d. The Parenthetical with regards to purity and unbelievers - 12b-14
  - e. Matthew 10:32-39 - Those who confess and those who deny Christ
  
2. **The Authentication of the Apostles - Power to Perform Miracles - Acts 5:15-16**
  - a. These miracles signs that the Apostles were performing were to give authentication to the Office of the Apostle - 2 Corinthians 12:12
  - b. Acts 4:29-30 - Prayer for confidence and confirmation of "Your holy servant Jesus" through God's hand of healing, signs, and wonders
  - c. Acts 1:8 - The Gospel was spreading outside of Jerusalem
  
3. **The Assurance of the Calling - Persecution for the Name of Jesus Christ - Acts 5:12-28**
  - a. The inevitable persecution when the church is faithful and pure - VOM -
  - b. 2 Timothy 3:12 - "Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."
  - c. 1 Peter 4:14 - "If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you."
  - d. Matthew 5:10-12 - The Church will be persecuted like the Prophets were in the Old Testament
  - e. If we suffer with Christ then we will glorified with Him - Romans 8:17
  - f. We are to proclaim as did the Apostles the message of life -
    - i. Philippians 2:16 - The word of life
    - ii. John 14:6 - The Way, The Truth and The Life
  - g. The charges of disobedience and accusations of the Apostle to the guilt of the Jewish Leaders for Jesus's crucifixion
  - h. Matthew 27:25 - "And all the people said, "His blood shall be on us and on our children!" - Acts 2:23, 36; 3:15; 4:10-11
  
4. **The Admonition in the Proclamation of the Gospel - Persistent Preaching - Acts 5:29-32**
  - a. The Jewish Leaders were in opposition to God, a fact Peter and the Apostles continued to maintain - Acts 4:18-20
  - b. Death on a cross by their own hands - Colossians 2:14
  - c. Diacheirizō; (to handle); thus to lay hands on (violently): put to death <sup>1</sup>
  - d. Prince means the originator of something - Hebrews 2:10 and 12:2
  - e. Jesus is the source of Eternal Life - Acts 3:15
  - f. The saved are those who obey God and have been given the Holy Spirit
  - g. Romans 8:9 and 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

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<sup>1</sup> Robert L. Thomas, New American Standard Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek Dictionaries : Updated Edition (Anaheim: Foundation Publications, Inc., 1998).