

**Acts 5:33-42  
Of God and Not of Men**

**Review - Acts 5:1-32**

1. **The Assault to the Church from within - Purity is of Highest Regard - Acts 5:1-11**
2. **The Authentication of the Apostles - Power to Perform Miracles - Acts 5:15-16**
3. **The Assurance of the Calling - Persecution for the Name of Jesus Christ - Acts 5:12-28**
4. **The Admonition in the Proclamation of the Gospel - Persistent Preaching - Acts 5:29-32**

**The Effects of Conviction - John 16:1-11 - The Work of the Holy Spirit to Convict -**

**I. Conviction Can Produce Hostility - Acts 5:33**

- A. **Cut to the Quick or to the Heart - Cut in Two - Hebrews 4:12 - “For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”**
- B. **Jesus and the Apostles faced the same opposition to the truth they proclaimed to the leaders of Israel that Jesus is the Messiah and the result was the desire to kill them**
- C. **The Apostles opposed the Sadducees on the issue of resurrection, authority to silence them and the favor of the people - Acts 5:26**
- D. **Paul would face the same opposition for proving Jesus was the Messiah - Acts 9:22-23**
- E. **King David as well faced his opponents - Psalm 37:12, 14, 32**
- F. **Jesus lamented over Jerusalem for their opposition - Matthew 23:34-39**

**II. Conviction Can Produce Apathy - Acts 5:34-40**

- A. **Gamaliel was the grandson of Hillel one of the two leading schools of thought, The Houses of Hillel and Shammai. The main issue was, “What is for the sake of Heaven.”**
- B. **Perhaps nowhere is the esteem in which he was held better expressed than in the following statement of the Mishna: “When Rabban Gamaliel the Elder died, the glory of the Law ceased and purity and abstinence died.”<sup>1</sup>**
- C. **The Apostle Paul was a student of Gamaliel - Acts 22:3**
- D. **The Pharisees believed in the Sovereignty of God and the miraculous**
- E. **The issue of the two illustrations - This is not the Theudas mentioned by Josephus**
- F. **The revolt led by Judas of Galilee is known to be in 6 AD - Not the census in Luke 2**

**III. Conviction Can Produce Rejoicing - Acts 5:41-42**

- A. **2 Corinthians 2:14-17 - A fragrance of Christ to God - An Aroma of Life to Life**
- B. **Joy over circumstances - Philipians 1:12-14 - VOM - Danjuma Shakaru**

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<sup>1</sup> John B. Polhill, Acts, vol. 26, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1992), 171.