

Acts 5:17-42

INTRODUCTION: The RESULTS of the “*Day of Pentecost*” –
Acts 2:41, 47 ... 3:8-9 ... 4:17 ... 4:34-35 ... 5:14

5:17-18 – This is their 2nd offense ... they were holding “*Church services*” in the Temple run by the Sadducees!

5:19-20 – You might have big problems, but you have a bigger God!

- 5:20 – “*all the words*” – Don’t forget your PURPOSE – 1:8

- Our PURPOSE is to “*glorify God*” and OBEY Him –

1 Corinthians 6:20, Joshua 24:15, John 14:23.

- The power of the Holy Spirit is given in proportion to our OBEDIENCE.

5:21 – They didn’t hesitate to go to the battle.

5:21-23 – Court was in session, but no prisoners!

5:24-25 – Peter & John weren’t hiding, but preaching.

5:26-28 – Arrested AGAIN!

- 5:28 – Earlier, they asked for the blood of Jesus to be on them –
Matthew 27:24-26

5:29-32 – What to do when man’s orders contradict God’s orders –

5:29, 4:20, 5:31 – Obeying God is PRIORITY!

- 5:30 – Peter wasn’t afraid ... God was with him – Isaiah 41:10

- The example of “*3 Hebrew Children*” – Daniel 3:17-18 (NLT).

- 5:32 – The Holy Spirit is also a witness – John 15:26 – Leave Him out, any you abandon His ability – 4:31, Zechariah 4:6

5:33-39 – God intervenes through Gamaliel.

- Gamaliel points out 2 recent failures – 5:36-37

- God is bigger than any troubles you may face.

5:40 – God’s will isn’t always EASY, but it’s always BEST.

5:41-42 – They saw how Jesus had suffered for them, so they

“*rejoiced*” that they were counted worthy to suffer for Him.

- 5:42 – They didn’t want to just LIVE the Christian life, they wanted to TALK about Jesus, too.

CONCLUSION:

- You have a PURPOSE ... God didn’t save you just so you could go to Heaven.

- You are helpless, without Christ – John 16:33