

Acts 5:12-42

“Kingdom over Culture”

*We must obey God rather than man

1. V12-16 Gospel Advancement

- i. God advances His Church through the **UNITY** of His people (One Accord-Same heart, mind, and passion-**John 17:11**)
- ii. Do not allow the enemy to **divide** from within (a house divided against itself cannot stand)
- iii. God desires to **USE** our lives for His glory and our fulfillment (It is a delight not a demand)

2. V13-32 Gospel Attacked

- i. **Expect opposition** when we are faithful and obedient. (**Obedience now protects you from compromise later- Daniel 1,3,6, etc.)**)
- ii. **Trust the Lord** to deal with the consequences of your obedience. (We are called to “faithfulness” and leave the outcomes in the Lord’s hands)
- iii. **Obey God over Man** when man’s laws/culture instruct against God’s law/Kingdom. (Our Allegiance is to King Jesus-**Acts 4:19, 5:29, Matt. 10:28, Gal. 1:10, Rom. 13:1-2**)

3. V33-42 Gospel Avoided

- i. The Gospel can be accepted or rejected **but it cannot be avoided** (**Romans 1:20-22, 14:11-12, Rev. 20:12**)
- ii. We cannot serve Two masters (Either Jesus or Caesar is Lord) -May we affirm the Gospel truths in word and action