Acts Bible Study 10

Acts 4:32-5:11 **Ananias and Sapphira**

1. When Satan attacked the church by threat, and persecution, what was the result?
2. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit. 4:31

=persecution brings one heart and strong unity to Satan’s attack

1. All the believers were one in heart and mind. 4:32

=by the power of the Holy Spirit

1. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. 4:33

=testifying to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus

1. Why were there no needy persons among them? 4:34,35

=they help and support each other

What kind of community was the early church?

=they were like family member of Jesus

Was selling one’s property requirement or voluntary?

=voluntary

1. Who was Barnabas? 4:36 What did he do for the church? 4:37

=original name: Joseph. He was called Barnabas: son of encouragement

=He sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.

1. What right did Ananias and Sapphira have about their piece of property? 5:1,4

=whatever they want to do they can do.

What was their motive of selling their land?

=helping the people and the poor and they wanted to receive spiritual recognition.

=desire of the flesh

What did they do with the money from the sale? 5:2

=they brought the part of the money

What did Ananias and Sapphira agree to say about their offering? What’s wrong with it?

=they planned to lie about the amount of the money

=Satan’s language is lie.

1. When Ananias put the money at the feet of the apostles, what did Peter say to Ananias? 5:3,4
2. How did Peter know that Ananias was lying about the amount of money?

=the Holy Spirit

1. Satan has so filled your heart 5:3 - What was the ultimate source of their deception and lie?

=Satna

1. You have lied to the Holy Spirit. 5:3 - Why is lying to the apostles lying to the Holy Spirit?

=Lying to the church is lying to the Holy Spirit

1. You have kept some of the money for yourself you received for the land. 5:3 - Wasn’t it a small lie?

=on the side of God vs on the side of Satan

1. You have not lied to men but to God. 5:4 - What does it mean?

=lying is to God not to human.

1. What did Peter rebuke?

=rebuke not for keeping the money, but for lying of the money

1. When Ananias heard what Peter said, what happened to Ananias? 5:5

=fell and died

What do you think caused his death? 5:5

=God

Why is lying in the church a serious sin?

=Jn.1:14-full of grace and truth

=7:18 -man of truth, nothing false about Jesus

=15:26 - the Holy spirit is the spirit of the truth

=17:17 -church is the place of the truth, deception is the primary weapon of Satan

=1Tim.3:15 -the pillar and foundation of the truth

What was the impact of this incident to all? 5:5

=the great fear of God

Who buried the body of Ananias? 5:6

=some young men

1. How long after did his wife arrive? 5:7

=about three hours later

Did she know what had happened to her husband? 5:7

=no

What did Peter ask her? 5:8

=Tell me, is this the price

What did she answer? 5:8

=yes

What did Peter conclude when she lied? 5:9

=they will carry you out

How did she die? 5:10

=she fell down at his feet and died

What could have been a chance for her to live?

=repentance

Would anyone dare lie again in the early church? 5:11

=Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events

1. How did Satan attack the early church?

=deception: attack inwardly from the church members

Why did Satan fail again to destroy the early church from within?

=God decisively intervened the early church.

What was the result of overcoming the Satan’s attack internally? 5:11,12

=church overcame and grew in stronger