

ACTS 5:27-32

Learning to Obey Without Fear

A New Way
↗ To Live

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." Acts 5:27-32

A _____ in Christ calls us to _____ rather than _____ .

The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe. Proverbs 29:25

We are seeking from man only what we can find in Christ.

WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING FROM PEOPLE THAT IS LEAVING YOU CRIPPLED IN FEAR?

We seek the _____ of man, but _____ is found only in Christ.

We seek the _____ of man, but the only _____ we need is Christ Himself.

**WILL YOU LOCATE WHERE YOU ARE SEARCHING FOR
THE APPROVAL AND THE AWARD OF MAN
AND INSTEAD CHOOSE OBEDIENCE?**



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HOME GROUP

Lesson + Devotional

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read Acts 5:17-32. How did Peter and the others affirm the truth of God's Word? Where did their conviction and confidence come from?

2. How did the high priest and Sadducees respond to God's truth? Why?

3. What are some ways people allow their fear of what others think to affect their behavior? Try to list as many as you can.

4. What things do you tend to seek from others rather than looking to Jesus? How has this sermon helped you recognize your fear and pointed you in the direction of obedience to God's Word?

5. Read Proverbs 29:25. In what ways is fear of other people a snare?

6. A snare only works when the victim is unaware of its presence. What help has God provided for us to be aware of and avoid the snare of fearing others more than obeying Him?

7. What do you learn about witnessing from Peter's sermons and his response to persecution? What do you want to remember the next time your faith is challenged and you are tempted to disobey God?

8. What other lessons did you draw from the sermon that are relevant to your life right now?

HELPFUL

Quotes

The angel instructed the apostles to "go" (Gr. *poruesthe*) and "stand" their ground (*stathentes*). They were to resist the opposition of the Sanhedrin and were to continue addressing the people in the temple courtyard with the full message that they had been heralding. They were not to back down or trim their words. "The whole message of this Life" is a synonym for the message of salvation through Jesus Christ (cf. 4:12; 13:26). ... These leaders needed to obey God by believing in Jesus, and then they too would receive this wonderful gift. The early gospel preachers never presented belief in Jesus Christ as a "take it or leave it" option as recorded in Acts. God has commanded everyone to believe in His Son (e.g., 2:38; 3:19; 17:30). Failure to do so constitutes disobedience, and it results in judgment. The Holy Spirit now baptizes and indwells every person who obeys God by believing in His Son (John 3:36; 6:29; Rom 8:9). This must be the obedience that Peter had in mind. - Tom Constable

YOUR NEXT STEP AT Christ Chapel



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Together in Prayer

We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.



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Upcoming Events

Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.



A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.
(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.
(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.
(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.
(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!