

Acts 5

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Ananias and Sapphira

- ¹ But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,
- ² And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.
- ³ But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?
- ⁴ Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.
- ⁵ And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.
- ⁶ And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.
- ⁷ And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.
- ⁸ And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.
- ⁹ Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.
- ¹⁰ Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

11 And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

Many Signs and Wonders

12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

13 And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.

14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

17 Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation,

18 And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

21 And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

22 But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned, and told,

23 Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within.

24 Now when the high priest and the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these things, they doubted of them whereunto this would grow.

25 Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people.

26 Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence: for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned.

The Apostles Before the Council

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them,

28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

33 When they heard that, they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them.

34 Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space;

35 And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men.

36 For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought.

37 After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.

38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:

39 But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Angel — ἄγγελος (Angelos)

Angel, messenger

The Greek **angelos** (ἄγγελος) means angel or messenger. Angels announced Christ's birth (Luke 2:9-14), ministered to Him (Matthew 4:11), and will accompany His return (Matthew 25:31).

Apostle — ἀπόστολος (Apostolos)

Apostle, sent one

The Greek **apostolos** (ἀπόστολος) means apostle or sent one—an authorized messenger. The twelve apostles were chosen by Christ and empowered as His witnesses, laying the foundation of the church (Ephesians 2:20).

Believe — πιστεύω (Pisteuo)

To believe, trust, have faith

The Greek **pisteuo** (πιστεύω) means to believe or trust—active reliance upon Christ. 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish' (John 3:16).

Blood — αἷμα (Haima)

Blood

The Greek **haima** (αἷμα) denotes blood. Christ's blood 'cleanseth us from all sin' (1 John 1:7), securing 'eternal redemption' (Hebrews 9:12) through His once-for-all sacrifice. Believers have been 'purchased with his own blood' (Acts 20:28).

God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

Holy — ἅγιος (Hagios)

Holy, sacred, set apart

The Greek **hagios** (ἅγιος) denotes holiness—moral purity and separation unto God. Believers are called 'saints' (hagioi), those set apart for God through Christ's sanctifying work.

Lord — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

Priest — ἱερεύς (Hiereus)

Priest

The Greek **hiereus** (ἱερεύς) means priest. Christ is our eternal High Priest (Hebrews 4:14) after the order of Melchizedek, and believers form a 'royal priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9).

Sin — ἁμαρτία (Hamartia)

Sin, missing the mark

The Greek **hamartia** (ἁμαρτία) means sin—missing the target of God's perfection. 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23), requiring Christ's atoning sacrifice.

Spirit — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

Word — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

CROSS REFERENCES

Acts 5:1 **Parallel theme:** 2 Timothy 2:20

Acts 5:2 **Parallel theme:** Acts 4:37

Acts 5:3 **Parallel theme:** Acts 5:2; 5:4; Job 22:13; Isaiah 29:15; Jeremiah 23:24; John 13:2; 13:27; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8. **Spirit:** Acts 5:9

Acts 5:4 **Parallel theme:** Acts 5:3; 5:9; Psalms 139:4; Isaiah 59:4; Luke 10:16. **References God:** 1 Chronicles 29:3; Ezekiel 38:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:8

Acts 5:5 **Parallel theme:** Acts 2:43; Revelation 11:5; 11:13

Acts 5:6 **Parallel theme:** John 19:40

Acts 5:9 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 78:56; 1 Corinthians 10:9

Acts 5:11 **Parallel theme:** Acts 5:5; 19:17; Psalms 89:7; Jeremiah 32:40; Philippians 2:12; Hebrews 4:1; 12:15; 12:28

Acts 5:12

Parallel theme: Acts 1:14; 3:11; 4:30; 14:3; 19:11; Mark 16:20; John 10:23; Romans 15:19; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Hebrews 2:4

Acts 5:13 **Parallel theme:** Acts 2:47; 4:21; 19:17

Acts 5:14 **References Lord:** Acts 2:47

Acts 5:15 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 9:21; 14:36; John 14:12

Acts 5:17 **Parallel theme:** Acts 7:9; 13:45; 17:5; Job 5:2; Proverbs 14:30; 27:4; Ecclesiastes 4:4; Matthew 27:18; John 12:10; 1 Peter 2:1

Acts 5:18 **Parallel theme:** Acts 4:3; Luke 21:12; 2 Corinthians 11:23

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Acts 5:20 **Word:** Acts 11:14; Jeremiah 7:2; 26:2; 36:10; John 6:63; 6:68. **Temple:** Matthew 21:23; John 18:20. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 58:1; John 17:3

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Acts 5:23 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 2:4; 33:10

Acts 5:24 **Parallel theme:** Acts 5:26. **Temple:** Acts 4:1

Acts 5:26 **Parallel theme:** Acts 4:21; 5:13

Acts 5:27 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 5:22

Acts 5:28 **Blood:** Matthew 27:25. **Parallel theme:** Acts 7:52

Acts 5:29 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 3:17; 1 Samuel 15:24. **References God:** Acts 4:19

Acts 5:30 **Parallel theme:** Acts 10:39; Galatians 3:13; 1 Peter 2:24

Acts 5:31 **Sin:** Luke 24:47; Hebrews 12:2; Revelation 1:5. **References God:** Acts 2:33; 3:15; Isaiah 9:6. **Salvation:** Luke 2:11; Hebrews 2:10; 1 John 4:14. **Repentance:** Acts 11:18

Acts 5:32 **References God:** Acts 5:29. **Witness:** Acts 13:31. **Holy:** Acts 1:8; 2:4; 15:28; John 7:39; 1 Peter 1:12

Acts 5:33 **Parallel theme:** Acts 2:37; 7:54; Matthew 10:21; 10:25; 24:9; John 16:2

Acts 5:34 **Word:** Acts 22:3; Luke 5:17. **Parallel theme:** Luke 2:46

Acts 5:36 **Parallel theme:** Acts 8:9; 21:38; Galatians 2:6; 2 Peter 2:2; Jude 1:16; Revelation 17:5

Acts 5:38 **Parallel theme:** Nehemiah 4:15; Proverbs 21:30; Isaiah 14:25; Lamentations 3:37; Matthew 15:13; John 11:48; 1 Corinthians 3:19

Acts 5:39 **Parallel theme:** Acts 6:10; 7:51; 9:5; Job 34:29; Proverbs 21:30; Isaiah 46:10; Matthew 16:18; Luke 21:15. **References God:** Acts 11:17; 1 Corinthians 1:25

Acts 5:40

Parallel theme: Acts 5:28; Proverbs 12:10; Matthew 10:17; Mark 13:9; 2 Corinthians 11:24

Acts 5:41 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 65:14; 66:5; Luke 6:22; John 15:21; Romans 5:3; 2 Corinthians 12:10; Philippians 1:29; Hebrews 10:34; 12:2; James 1:2

Acts 5:42 **Temple:** Acts 2:46; Luke 21:37. **Parallel theme:** Acts 4:29; 20:20; 2 Timothy 4:2.
References Jesus: Acts 8:35; 17:3. **References Christ:** Acts 9:20

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