

## CHAPTER 25.9

# ACTS

"PURIFIED"  
Acts 5:1-11  
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God's grace doesn't diminish His purity.  
Grace should propel us to purity.

I. The heart is the problem.

A. The temptation. (3)

B. The decision. (4)

C. God desires a clean heart.

II. Sin is always against God first. (4b, 9a)

A. Lied to God (4b)

Test the Spirit (9)

The Spirit is God.

B. The Spirit didn't just discover this. He sees all!

C. Sin is serious!

D. Sin is also dangerous to the community.

III. Holy fear is healthy. (5, 11)

Grace doesn't diminish His purity. Nor should it ours.

**How does this apply to me?**

## NEXT WEEK

"WORDS OF LIFE"  
Acts 5:12-42

### Passage Overview:

The Spirit continued to do mighty works through the apostles. As crowds gathered, increasing numbers put their faith in Jesus. Church growth was off the charts. The disciples, who had just recently been disregarded as uneducated people from Galilee, were now highly regarded by the masses. But popularity with the masses brought great animosity from the religious leaders. They were filled with jealousy, which soon became a murderous rage.

The boldness of the apostles exasperated the Jewish leaders. They arrested and jailed them for speaking in Jesus' name, but an angel of the Lord released them the same night. Setting them free, the angel had one directive, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." (Acts 5:20) What a command! He didn't warn them to run and hide. He didn't tell them to avoid the temple or leave the city. He told them to go out and repeat what they had just been jailed for doing! Speak in Jesus' name. Tell it all. And they did.

Jesus is the Word. Jesus is Life. Jesus alone was their message. After yet another arrest that was accompanied by a beating and the repeated charge that they not speak in Jesus' name, they went straight out to speak constantly in Jesus' name. Life in Jesus was their constant message. Jesus was their life.

Yes, Jesus is a stumbling block for many. Even influential and powerful people will stumble over Him.

But He alone is Life. So we, like the early church, must joyfully and constantly speak about Him to a dying world.

**Reading for Next Week:** Acts 5:12-42