

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

THE ONGOING WORK OF JESUS BY THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

The Book of Acts - Part 8

"WITH ALL BOLDNESS"

"Faithful in the Face of Persecution"

(Acts 4:1-22)

INTRODUCTION:

"According to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that **with all boldness**, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death."

—Philippians 1:20

REVISITING THE CONTEXT: ACTS 3:1-4:22

1. The Scene: (3:1-5)

"Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, the hour of prayer. And a man who had been lame from his mother's womb was being carried along..."

2. The Sign: (3:6-11)

"But Peter said, 'I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene — walk!'"

3. The Sermons: (3:12-4:22)

A. Peter addresses the Crowd. (3:12-26)

"Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this..." (3:12)

B. Peter addresses the Council. (4:1-22)

"Rulers and elders of the people..." (4:8)

THE BEGINNING OF OPPOSITION... (ACTS 4:1-22)

1. Persecution shouldn't _____ us. If we walk in the _____ of Christ, we can _____ it.

"...do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you..."

—1 Peter 4:12

2. Persecution shouldn't _____ us. If we walk in the _____ of Christ, we can _____ it.

"For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God."

—1 Peter 2:20

1A. PETER & JOHN'S _____ : (4:1-4)

"As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to them, being greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them and put them in jail until the next day, for it was already evening...."

2A. PETER & JOHN'S _____ : (4:5-17)

"On the next day, their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem; and Annas the high priest was there, and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of high-priestly descent. When they had placed them in the center, they began to inquire, 'By what power, or in what name, have you done this?'"

1B. Peter's _____ : (v. 8-14)

"Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them,..."

• You _____ Him. God _____ Him.

2B. The Council's _____ : (v. 15-17)

• Even though they couldn't _____ the _____, they wouldn't _____ the _____ or _____ the _____.

3A. PETER & JOHN'S _____ : (4:18-22)

"And when they had summoned them, they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said to them, 'Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge; for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.'"