

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning – 12-14-25
Christianity 103 – Message 5 Part 2
Hypocrisy gets exposed.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) Faith grows as our knowledge, understanding and application of God's Word takes place in our life.
- 2) Christian hypocrisy – putting on a mask and taking on a role to be something you are not.
 - a) At its core, hypocrisy is deliberate.
- 3) It is easier than you think to get caught up in this lifestyle.
 - a) Some ways this happens –
- 4) May this story transform us as it did the Church in Acts.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) God was and is moving in the Church and many in the Church were responding in obedience.
- 2) At the end of chapter 4, Barnabas sold a piece of property and gave the money to the Apostles.
- 3) Ananias and Sapphira sold a piece of property but –
 - a) Why did they misrepresent what they gave?
 - b) Where did this idea come from?
- 4) It was a battle of influence.
 - a) Be wise when wrestling with a decision for satan will come in with a compromise that sounds good.
- 5) What happens when we allow sin to remain in our life?
 - a) Ephesians 4:27 – this is a real threat. Don't give him a place to work from.

2. God will not be mocked,

a. Crucial moment. Verse 5

- 1) Ananias listens, hears but chooses not to respond.
 - a) He died for a lie.
- 2) Verse 6 –
 - a) His legacy, he died for a lie.

b. Three hours later. Verses 7-9

- 1) Verse 7 –
 - a) Does anyone find that odd?
- 2) Verse 8 –
 - a) Peter asked her two questions.
 - b) Sapphira listens, hears but chooses not to respond.
 - c) She followed her husband's example and died for a lie.
- 3) Verse 9 –
 - a) Sin is a choice.
 - b) Church we can't get caught up in thinking about the choices we make in our lives from a temporal position. We must see things from an eternal perspective.
- 4) Verse 10 –
 - a) Her legacy, she died for a lie.

3. Interesting choice, repentance or judgment. Acts 5:11
 - a. This was sin against God's church.
 - 1) When you hear that, do you think that is serious?
 - a) Pride opens the door to every other sin.
 - 2) If satan cannot defeat the church from the outside, he will endeavor to get on the inside and work from there.
 - 3) How important is it that we keep short accounts with the Lord and one another?
 - 4) Application:
 - a) How would you have responded to Peter that day from the current spiritual position you are in right now?
 - b. What does it take to move a church spiritually?
 - 1) Verse 11 –
 - a) Repentance has something to do with stirring the Church.
 - b) Persecution and prayer have something to do with stirring the Church.
 - c. Application:
 - 1) An interesting question here –
 - a) If you don't want to be like them, then why would you ever live like them?
4. Today's Take Away:
 - a. Please think about this invitation as a time when the Spirit of God is keeping short accounts with you.