



Acts: *To the Ends of the Earth*

Acts 5:33-42

Introduction

The Anatomy of Unbelief

❖ **Acts 5:33**

- ❖ Romans 8:7-8—*For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*
- ❖ John 6:44—*No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.*

God will not allow the gospel to be silenced and God will not allow his Church to be defeated

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- ❖ Revelation 12:10-11—*the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony*
- ❖ Matthew 10:33— *whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.*
- ❖ Acts 28:31—*proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance*

Count it all joy!

❖ **Acts 5:40-41**

1. Persecution proved once again to them that their saviors words were TRUE

- ❖ John 16:33—*I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."*
- ❖ Romans 8:35, 37-39—*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?...*

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2. Persecution to them, was a promise of future glory



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- ❖ 1 Peter 4:13-14—*But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.*
- ❖ Romans 8:18—*For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*

3. They rejoiced to be like Jesus...even in his suffering

- ❖ Philippians 3:10-11—*that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, **and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death**, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.*

The unstoppable gospel!!!!

- ❖ **Acts 5:42**