



Acts: *To the Ends of the Earth*

Acts 5:17-32

Introduction

The Anatomy of Unbelief

❖ **Acts 5:17-18**

- ❖ Acts 5:13—*the people held them in high esteem.*
- ❖ Romans 1:16—*the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes*
- ❖ Romans 1:18-19—*by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.*
- ❖ 2 Timothy 2:25-26—*God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.*

The power of the unbelieving world cannot keep others from hearing the words of eternal life

❖ **Acts 5:19-21**

- ❖ Psalm 115:3—*Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.*

God's shows that the wise and powerful of this world are but foolish and weak before him

❖ **Acts 5:22-26**

A portrait of true obedience

❖ **Acts 5:27-32**

1. Obedience means to obey God rather than men

- ❖ Acts 4:19-20—*Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.*
- ❖ Psalm 95:1-3—*Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise*

2. Obedience means we fill the world with Christ's teaching

- ❖ Acts 1:8—*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*



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God raised Jesus from the dead!

From a death he died for us

And then exalted Jesus as leader and savior

- ❖ *Philippians 2:9-11—God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

God gives repentance and forgiveness to his people through the work of Jesus

We and the Holy Spirit bear witness to all this

❖ **Acts 4:32**

- ❖ *John 16:14—He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.*

- ❖ *Acts 6:7—And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.*