

OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MEN

ACTS 5:12-42

Text:

Introduction:

1. THE DANGER OF THE TRUTH 5:17-28

A. THE TRUTH IS SEEN AS A DANGER BY THOSE WHO STAND AGAINST IT.

B. THE TRUTH CANNOT BE STOPPED

2. DECLARING OF THE TRUTH 5:29-32

A. THEY DECLARED THE TRUTH BY OBEYING GOD (29)

B. THEY DECLARED THE TRUTH BY CONFRONTING SIN (30)

C. THEY DECLARED THE TRUTH BY EXALTING CHRIST (31)

D. THEY DECLARED THE TRUTH BY WILLINGNESS TO BE WITNESSES (32)

3. DEALING WITH THE TRUTH 5:34-39

A. VIOLENT HOSTILITY TO THE TRUTH (33)

B. INDIFFERENT INDECISION ABOUT THE TRUTH vv. 34-39

4. DECISION ABOUT THE TRUTH 5:40-42

Conclusion

Let me assure you, no man can stop us from proclaiming the gospel, nor stop the spread of the gospel, not even in countries where Christians are being persecuted and killed.

In fact, persecution promotes preaching, and we should never be ashamed of proclaiming the gospel. Because it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes. And what is the gospel? It is that Christ Jesus died on the cross, bearing our sin and suffering its penalty as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. This Jesus is now freely offers us total salvation.

When people hear the gospel, either they will repent and receive Christ, or they will reject him, refuse him, and be forever separated from Him. The moment you hear and understand the gospel, you must make a

decision; either to receive or to reject, the decision is yours.