



BIBLE STUDY

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2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

The Book of Acts

“Can I Get A Witness-The Gospel To The Ends Of The Earth”

Signs & Wonders in the Church

Acts 5: 12-16

12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. 13 And of the rest (unbelieving Jews) durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. 14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; 15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. 16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

1. Miracles, Signs & Wonders (12a)

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12a And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people;

2. The People (12b-14)

A. The Apostles: One Accord

12b and they were all with one accord

NLT 12b And all the believers were meeting regularly at the Temple

MSG 12b They all met regularly and in remarkable harmony

With one accord- in the Greek these words are found 12 times in the New Testament, and they occur 10 times in the book of Act.

12b (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

Solomon's porch was one of the two great colonnade which surrounded the temple area.

Solomon's porch was a covered colonnade on the eastern side of the outer court of the temple.

13 And of the rest (unbelieving Jews) durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.

B. Unbelieving Jews, Pharisees: Didn't Join

13a And of the rest (unbelieving Jews) durst no man join himself to them:

"the rest" are meant the "rich" men, or the people of authority and influence among the Jews, of whom Ananias was one.

The rest (rulers, scribes, priest, men of position) did not join them, because they were discouraged/scared off from uniting themselves to the church under false pretenses because of the fate of Ananias.

Passion 13 And the believers were wonderfully united as they met regularly in the temple courts in the area known as Solomon's Porch. **No one dared harm them,** for everyone held them in high regard.

Some version renders it, "and then there was no more any man that durst restrain them", or go about to hinder them from preaching.

C. The People: Magnified Them

13b but the people magnified them.

NLT 13b even though all the people had high regard for them.

NKJV 13b but the people esteemed them highly.

14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

NLT 14 Yet more and more people believed and were brought to the Lord—crowds of both men and women.

3. Signs & Wonders: Healing

15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

CEV Then sick people were brought out to the road and placed on mats. It was hoped that Peter would walk by, and his shadow would fall on them and heal them.

NIRV They hoped that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he walked by.

16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

Passion They brought with them the sick and those troubled by demons—and everyone was healed