

What does God want us to know, to feel, and to do?

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“Jesus, Jesus, Jesus”

Acts 5:17-42

Subtitle: (Part 3 of 3) “Gamaliel’s Advice” (vs. 33-42)

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Acts 5:33 “When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death.”

Acts 5:34 But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while.

Acts 22:3 “Then Paul said: “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city. Under Gamaliel I was thoroughly trained in the law of our fathers and was just as zealous for God as any of you are today.”

Acts 5:35-39 “Then he addressed them: “Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. ³⁶Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. ³⁷After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. ³⁸Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. ³⁹But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

Isaiah 46:10-11 “I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. ¹¹ From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do.”

Matthew 16:18 “**And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.**”

It is only in serving Christ that we realize our real purpose for living.

Proverbs 21:30 “There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the LORD.”

Acts 5:40 His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

Acts 5:41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin **rejoicing** because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

Romans 5:3-4 “Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope.”

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Acts 5:42 Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, **they never stopped** teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

It is God's will – do not stop publicly sharing the Gospel.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.”

If you fight against God, you will always lose – eventually.