

HERE AM I SEND ME

“Message, Mission, Growth”

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Evening Message by Ray Reynolds (June 16, 2013)

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Text: Acts 5:11-42

Introduction: We are continuing our series entitled “Here Am I, Send Me: The Acts of the Apostles.” Tonight we are going to consider the persecution of the early church and their response to it. Specifically, we are going to look at Peter’s pointed message to the council (Acts 5:29-32). God was doing amazing things through them. Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. The Message of the Early Church

Fact #1 = God Raised Jesus From the Dead

Acts 2:14-36, Acts 3:12-26, Acts 4:8-12, Acts 5:24-30

Fact #2 = God Exalted Jesus on High

Acts 5:31, Hebrews 1:3, Matthew 28:18, Matthew 16:18

Fact #3 = God Chose Jesus to Save the World

Acts 5:31, Acts 11:18, John 10:16, John 11:52

II. The Mission of the Early Church

Mission #1 = Obey God, Not Men

Acts 5:29, Colossians 2:14-17, Hebrews 8:10, Hebrews 10:1

Mission #2 = Preach The Good News

Acts 1:7-8, Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Luke 46-49, Romans 1:16-17

Mission #3 = Be A Witness

Acts 5:32, Acts 2:38-39, Acts 2:1-4, Acts 4:8, Acts 4:13, Acts 4:31, Acts 6-8, Acts 9:17,

Acts 9:22, Acts 11:24, Acts 13:9, Acts 13:11

III. The Growth of the Early Church

Numerical Growth of the Church

Luke 6:12-16, Luke 10:1-2, Luke 8:2-3, Acts 1:15, Acts 2:41, Acts 4:4

Spiritual Growth of the Church

Acts 1:14, 1:24, 2:42, 3:1, 4:31, Acts 2:44-45, Acts 4:32-35, Acts 5:42

Organic Growth of the Church

Romans 12:1-13, I Corinthians 12:12-31, Ephesians 1:22-23, Ephesians 4:4,

Colossians 1:18, Colossians 1:24, John 15:1-8, Galatians 5:22-23

Conclusion: The book of Acts may have a final chapter, but the work of the church is not over. Like the early church we need to focus on these three things: Message, Mission, and Growth. Are you ready to say, “Here am I, send me!” Have you shared your story?