

ACTS

Perseverance in the Truth

Acts 5:17-33

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1. In the face of opposition from without and from within, the Lord continued to _____ His church and bless their testimony to the world.

2. An even greater _____ toward the Lord and His church came through the high priest and the Sanhedrin in the midst of the church's remarkable growth.
 - a. The magistrates were _____ at the gospel work God was doing through the apostles.

 - b. The magistrates used their authority to try to _____ the spread of the gospel but the Lord powerfully comes to the aid of the apostles.

"The angel's rescue demonstrates that God is answering the prayer of the Jerusalem believers to notice the hostility of the Jewish leadership and to grant them boldness to proclaim the gospel despite the ban on speaking." - Eckhard Schnabel

- c. The magistrates expressed their great displeasure at the apostles' continued preaching.

*"Those who make void the commandments of God are commonly very strict in binding on their _____ commandments, and insisting upon their own power."
- Matthew Henry*

3. In a time of great hostility toward the church, the apostles continue to clearly proclaim the _____ of the gospel.
 - a. An angel of the Lord reconfirms the Lord's commission to preach "the whole message of this _____".

 - b. The gospel is focused on the crucified and resurrected Christ, who bore the _____ of God for sinners.

 - c. In the gospel, God exalted Christ as the Prince and Savior so that repentance and forgiveness can be _____ to sinners.

 - d. God has given clear testimony to the truth of the gospel so it must be _____.

"None ever _____ more over sin, than those that see it in the glass of forgiving love." - John Gill