

ACTS: By His Spirit

Acts 5: Purified

³³**With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴that there were no needy persons among them. (Acts 4:33,34a)**

¹Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. ²With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. (Acts 5:1,2)

³Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? ⁴Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God." (Acts 5:3,4)

⁵When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. **And great fear seized all who heard what had happened.** (Acts 5:5)

▶ Acts 5:9

¹¹**Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.** (Acts 5:11)

**We can't afford to play with
the holy**

- ▶ 2 Corinthians 6:16-18

¹Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God. (2 Corinthians 7:1)

**We can afford to fear
God more**

¹²The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. (Acts 5:12)

¹³No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people.

¹⁴Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. (Acts 5:13,14)

¹⁵As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. ¹⁶Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed. (Acts 5:15-16)