

The Growth Of The Church In The First Century

Acts 5:33-42

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Acts 2:41, "They then that received his word were baptized; and there were added (unto them) in that day about **three thousand souls**."

Acts 4:4, "But many of them that heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be **about five thousand**."

Acts 6:7, "And the word of God increased; and the number of the **disciples multiplied** in Jerusalem exceedingly; and a **great company** of the priests were obedient to the faith."

Acts 9:31, "So the church throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria had peace, being edified; and, walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, **was multiplied**."

Acts 11:24, "for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith: and **much people** was added unto the Lord."

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The Word Of God Was Taught.

Acts 2:14-41; 4:4; 5:14; 5:42

- ▶ Believers are made through teaching. Romans 10:17; Acts 6:1, 7; 11:20-21
- ▶ God's power to save. Romans 1:16

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The Word Of God Was Taught "DAILY"

Acts 5:42; 2:47; Acts 20:31

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The Word Of God Was Taught "EVERYWHERE"

Acts 5:42; Publicly and privately.
cf. Acts 20:20

- ▶ Even in persecution. Acts 8:4

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The Word Of God Was Taught With "ENTHUSIASM"

- ▶ They had something to say. Titus 2:14; cf. Acts 2:36; 3:12ff; 4:8ff; 5:30; 7:51; Acts 13; Acts 17:6; Romans 1:4

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The Word Of God Was Taught "PERSISTENTLY"

Acts 5:38-39; Acts 5:42 NASV, "They kept right on preaching ..."

- ▶ Even when driven from Jerusalem. Acts 8:4
- ▶ Rejoiced. Acts 5:41; cf. 1 Peter 4:12-16
- ▶ Glad for Jesus to be preached. Philippians 1:12-17

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The Word Of God Was Taught "PERSISTENTLY"

Acts 5:38-39; Acts 5:42 NASV, "They kept right on preaching ..."

- ▶ No matter the cost ... 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1
Acts 5:38-39, "And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will be overthrown: but if it is of God, ye will not be able to overthrow them; lest haply ye be found even to be fighting against God."

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The Word Of God Was Taught By "EVERY CHRISTIAN"

Acts 8:4; cf. Matthew 28:18-20

2 Timothy 2:2, "And the things which thou hast heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

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The Word Of God Was Taught.

IT WILL WORK!

Colossians 1:23, "... if so be that ye continue in the faith, grounded and stedfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel which ye heard, which was preached in all creation under heaven; whereof I Paul was made a minister."

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- ▶ Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish" KJV

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