

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

BACK TO THE BOOK OF ACTS (BBA)

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PART 17: THE DEVIL GOES TO CHURCH

IF YOU CAN'T BEAT 'EM – JOIN 'EM

It had been some time since the day of Pentecost and the Devil realized that the Church of Jesus Christ possessed more power than him. All of his efforts up to this point to stop the young church from growing stronger had failed. As a result, the Devil decided to attend church and found a married couple who were willing to be used by him. Satan's plan was to corrupt the church from within but he didn't know about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which were given to the apostles and all those who had been baptized in the Holy Spirit. **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

When the Devil activated the couple whom he had seduced, they were met head-on by the Holy Spirit through the apostle Peter. **Acts 5:1-6**

It is interesting to note, that the Holy Spirit gave the wife a chance to redeem herself but she made the wrong decision. **verses 7-10**

- When a man sinned during the First Covenant, his entire family had to pay the price of his sins. **Numbers 16:23-33; Joshua 7:19-26**
- In the Second Covenant, each person is only held responsible for their sins! However, there is a difference between a judgment over a sin compared to generational curses. **1Corinthians 3:11-15; Galatians 6:7-8; Revelation 20:10-15**

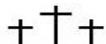
The people of Israel had never before seen such a power display. They had read in the Old Testament when the prophets of old had this kind of supernatural knowledge, but they did not expect it to operate in their life time. **2 Kings 6:8-23**

The result was that a great fear fell on the people as they realized that they could no longer hide their sins. **Acts 5:11**

The Devil's first visit to the church ended in failure as the Holy Spirit moved again with greater power. Demons were cast out and multitudes of people became born again; even the shadow of Peter passing over a sick person lying on the street brought healing. **verses 12-16**

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THIS?

1. It is vital for every believer in Christ to be filled with the Holy Spirit and operate in His gifts. Satan is in the Church with deception and many have been deceived; therefore, to break the Devil's power, it is necessary for the Church to operate in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. **2 Thessalonians 2:7-13; 1 Peter 5:8-9**



2. Don't expect anything less than to move on a daily basis in the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit! **Luke 11:9-13**
3. Circumstances are stepping stones to miracles! **Matthew 14:22-33**

UNBELIEF MUST BE CONFESSED AND RENOUNCED – James 1:5-8

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?