

PREPPED TO OBEY GOD

Acts 5:27-42

- They don't like their sin being exposed (Ac. 5:28)

- They want to make Christians shut up (Ac. 5:28, 33, 40)

The Story of Opposition to the First Church

The story (5:27-42)

The main point: We must obey God rather than man (5:29)

Being Prepped to Live in Obedience to God

Prepped by knowing who is in command: the Lord (Ac. 4:18-20; 5:29, 31; 1 Pt. 3:22; Mt. 28:20)

Prepped by knowing the Lord's commands (Mt. 28:20)

Prepped by knowing there are opponents to God's will (Ac. 5:17-18, 40; 2 Tim. 3:12)

- They stay away from the name "Jesus" (Ac. 5:27-28)
- They have no desire to investigate the facts of our faith

Prepped by knowing God allows us to experience opposition (Ac. 5:19-20)

Prepped by having a framework for civil disobedience

- Default: obey those in authority (Ro. 13:1-2; Titus 3:1)
- Obey authority for the Lord's sake (1 Pt. 2:13-15)
- Disobey when it opposes the revealed will of God (Ac. 5:29)
- Be prepared to suffer the consequences (Ac. 5:41)

Prepped by relying on the Spirit's presence and empowerment (Ac. 5:32; Mt. 10:17-20)