

PREPPED TO OBEY GOD

Acts 5:27-42

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

- They don't like their sin being exposed *(Ac. 5:28)*
- They want to make Christians shut up *(Ac. 5:28, 33, 40)*

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)*