

# **"THE CHURCH ALARMING & ATTRACTING"**

## **ACTS 5:11-16**

### **I. THIS CHURCH IN JERUSALEM ALARMED PEOPLE (5:11, 13)**

- A. This Cuts Cross Grain To Everything We Are Told About In Contemporary Church Growth Forums
  - 1. The Most Important Relationship That Must Be Cultivated By Any Believer In Any Local Church Is Not That With The Unbelieving, But With God
  - 2. The Fear Of The Lord Is The Beginning Of All Our Skillful Dealings In Any Other Relationship
- B. The Contemporary Definition Of The Fear Of The Lord Has Virtually Taken All The Teeth Out Of This Scriptural Truth

### **II. THIS CHURCH IN JERUSALEM, NEVERTHELESS, ATTRACTED PEOPLE (5:12, 14-16)**

- A. The Obvious Holiness Of This Church Did Not Preclude A Benevolent & Compassionate Heart
  - 1. People Literally Dragged Their Sick Out Into The Street In The Hope That Even The Shadow Of Peter Might Cross Their Path (5:15)
  - 2. Today We Have Even More Than The Working Of Sign Gifts
    - a. Holiness Costs Us Our Pleasures
    - b. Love Costs Us Our Rights
- B. By Deliberate Philosophy We Have Been Conducting An Experiment That Essentially Tries To Make The World Comfortable In Church