



The Ministry of the Church: Bringing It All Together Acts 5

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By the time of Jesus' death and resurrection, it was clear that Satan had failed completely in his attempt to silence the witness of the Son of God. However, the enemy never gives up; he simply changes his strategy. This time, he would turn his attention to the church—the small body of believers who were followers of Jesus Christ.

In his first approach, he attacked from the outside, hoping to arrest and threaten the leaders (Acts 1ff.). When that failed, he decided to attack the church from the inside and use people who were part of the fellowship. Did he succeed? Join us today as we discover three outstanding characteristics of a Spirit-filled church—characteristics, that by the grace of God, triumph over the attacks of Satan.

- **A Spirit-filled Church is UNIFIED**

- It is God-given spiritual unity, not man-made organizational uniformity
- Acts 4:32 ~ ³²The whole congregation of believers was united as one—one heart, one mind!

- **A Spirit-filled Church is MAGNIFIED and will have “favor with all the people”**

- What the Lord does attracts the attention of people—not what the people do!
- Acts 2:43 ~ ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe....

- **A Spirit-filled Church is MULTIPLIED because the Lord will daily add new believers to the church**

- Sharing Christ (evangelism) is not the work of a chosen few but the daily delight and ministry of the WHOLE congregation.
- Acts 2:47b ~ ...And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.