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# **The Growth and Persecution of the Early Christian Church**

The disciples boldly proclaimed Christ and did miracles in His name. When they healed the crippled man, in the name of Jesus Christ, they were arrested. Although they were commanded not to preach of Jesus by the leaders, they were given faith and boldness to continue to preach and many believed.

This early Christian church continued to grow and was filled with the spirit of love. Many sold of their possessions and shared with those in need. Sadly, Satan also filled the heart of Ananias and Sapphira to sell of their possessions, not out of love but for honour. When they brought part of the money to the disciples they were punished by immediate death for lying to the Holy Ghost.

We notice how Satan will attack Christ's church "as a roaring lion" by persecution or as "a wolf in sheep's clothing" from within the church. Yet God watches over His Church.

### A. Healing the Crippled Beggar – Acts 3 &4

Underline the correct answer.

1. Peter and John went to the temple to:  
a) preach    b) pray    c) sacrifice
2. The man at the Beautiful gate had been lame:  
a) for a year    b) only a few years    c) since birth

3. When he saw Peter and John he asked them for:  
a) to be healed      b) alms or money      c) them to pray for him
4. Peter said, "In the name of \_\_\_\_\_ rise up and walk".  
a) Peter      b) John      c) Jesus Christ of Nazareth
5. The lame man, leaping up, went immediately to:  
a) his house      b) the temple      c) the council
6. When the people saw this man and knew that it was the lame man they:  
a) marvelled      b) were angry      c) repented
7. \_\_\_\_\_ boldly preached that it was in the name of Jesus Christ, whom they had crucified but who was risen, that this man was healed.  
a) the healed man      b) John      c) Peter
8. Peter continued by telling the people to \_\_\_\_\_ and this sin would also be forgiven.  
a) weep      b) pray      c) repent
9. The leaders of the Jews were grieved that the disciples preached through Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ and put them in jail.  
a) the law of Moses      b) the resurrection of the dead      c) the baptism of John
10. By this time the number of men who believed was about \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) three thousand      b) five thousand      c) ten thousand
11. The rulers were astonished at the boldness of Peter and John since they were:  
a) Galileans      b) fishermen      c) unlearned
12. When the apostles were commanded not to speak or teach in the name of Jesus, Peter answered that they must obey:  
a) their rulers      b) the other disciples      c) God, rather than men
13. When Peter and John returned, they prayed God for:  
a) boldness      b) gladness      c) safety
14. When they had prayed, God answered by sending the \_\_\_\_\_ and the place shook.  
a) wind      b) storm      c) Holy Ghost

15. \_\_\_\_\_ and many others sold land and brought the money to the disciples.  
a) Barnabas      b) Caiaphas      c) Matthias

### B. Ananias and Sapphira – Acts 5: 1-14

True or False with corrections

- \_\_\_\_ 1. Ananias and Sapphira sold all of their possessions.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ 2. Ananias and Sapphira had agreed to keep part of the money for themselves.  
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- \_\_\_\_ 3. The Lord had made known to Peter that Ananias was not bringing the whole amount.  
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- \_\_\_\_ 4. Peter said that Sapphira had caused Ananias to sin against God.  
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- \_\_\_\_ 5. Ananias and Sapphira were allowed to keep part of the money.  
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- \_\_\_\_ 6. Sapphira came to bring the rest of the money to the disciples.  
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- \_\_\_\_ 7. Ananias and Sapphira both died as a punishment for their sin and as a warning for others.  
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- \_\_\_\_ 8. When the people heard what had happened to Ananias and Sapphira they were afraid of the apostles.  
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- \_\_\_\_ 9. The disciples continued to do miracles and many believers were added to the Church.  
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## Questions to think about

1. What does God use to purify and strengthen His Church?

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2. Why should we not be afraid to speak about Jesus Christ? What do we need to have the boldness of the apostles?

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