

**Acts**  
**Chapter 5**  
**“The reality of the *HOLY GHOST*”**

**Contents:** The sin and death of Ananias and Sapphira as a result of the convicting power of the ***HOLY GHOST***. The second persecution and answer of apostles to their persecutors. Gamaliel’s wise and counseled warning to the Sanhedrin. The beating of the Apostles.

**Characters:** ***GOD, HOLY GHOST***, Ananias, Sapphira, Apostles, Satan, Peter, priests, Sadducees, officers, Gamaliel, Theudas.

**Conclusion:** Beware of seeking attention for a spiritual which does not yet exit. This ambition, which seeks the favor and praise of man, will bring disastrous consequences. Secretly cherishing selfish motives makes one susceptible to the influences of satan. It is **NEVER** wise to lie but, lying to the ***HOLY GHOST***, a great affront to ***GOD***. Whenever good work is done in the name of ***JESUS CHRIST***, it is met with opposition, because or satan, the destroyer of men, will always be an adversary to those who are benefactors to men. We may cheerfully trust ***GOD*** with our safety, as long as we keep close to the will of ***GOD*** and trust in ***CHRIST*** our leader.

**Key Word:** Lying (to ***HOLY GHOST***), 3, 9. Persecution, 18, 33, 40.

**Strong Verses:** 29, 31, 32, 39, 42.

**Striking Facts:** 31. ***GOD*** has invested ***CHRIST*** with the highest dignity and entrusted Him with the highest authority. It is ***HE*** alone who is authorized to give repentance and remission to men. The new heart is His work, the broken spirit a sacrifice of His providing, the putting away of sin His task alone.

**Vocabulary:**

**Affront** - an action or remark that causes outrage or offense.

**Benefactor** - a person who gives money or other help to a person or cause.

**Repentance** – the action of repenting; sincere regret or remorse

**Remission** - the cancellation of a debt, charge, or penalty.

Questions:

1. What happened to Ananias and Sapphira?                      Why?
2. What happened on Solomon’s Porch?
3. What counsel did Gamaliel do? [
4. Where did they teach?

Discussion Question: Should we have “sermons” or “teaching” or both?