

# CHRIST CHURCH, VIRGINIA WATER SUNDAY JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> 2010

## SERMON NOTES: 8.00 & 9.30 AM SERVICES

Title: "Acts 5:11: Sin in the Church"

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*The sin of Ananias & Sapphira in the Church: How are we to understand this troubling passage?*

*3 points to consider:*

### 1. THE BIBLICAL CONTEXT

1.1 Satan deceives Adam & Eve to rebel against God (Genesis 3)

1.2 The OT church hears God speak at Sinai and fears Him (Deuteronomy 4:10)

*Remember the things that happened on the day in which you stood before the Lord our God at Horeb in the day of the **church**; for the Lord said to me, Gather (church) the people to me, and let them **hear my words**, that they may learn **to fear me** all the days which they live upon the earth, and they shall teach their sons.*

1.3 Israel tests and tempts God in the Wilderness ( see also Numbers 14: 22; Psalm 78:36-37;56-57)

Psalm 95:7-11 Today, if you hear his voice, 8 do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the desert, 9 where your fathers **tested** and tried me, though they had seen what I did. 10 For forty years I was angry with that generation; I said, "They are a people whose **hearts go astray**, and they have not known my ways." 11 So I declared on **oath in my anger**, "They shall never enter my rest."

1.4 Achan's Sin of misappropriation & deception stops the victorious progress of Israel's conquest of the Promised Land (Joshua 7)

1.5 Satan enters Judas and Jesus predicts Peter's future ministry (Luke 22:3-4; 31-32)

Luke 22:3 Then **Satan entered Judas**, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. 4 And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus.

Luke 22:31 "Simon, Simon, **Satan** has asked to sift you as wheat. 32 But **I have prayed for you, Simon**, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, **strengthen your brothers.**"

## 2. THE SIN OF ANANIAS & SAPPHIRA (ACTS 5:1-11)

- 2.1 Misappropriation of funds (verse 2)
- 2.2 Challenging the authority of the Spirit-filled ministry of the Apostles (verse 2)
- 2.3 Satan fills Ananias' heart (verse 3)
- 2.4 No command to give money (verse 4)
- 2.5 Lying to God the Holy Spirit & Testing the Holy Spirit (verses 3, 4, 9)
- 2.6 The supernatural judgement of God (verse 5, 10)
- 2.7 The Church & others fear God (verse 11)

## 3 LESSONS FOR US TODAY

- 3.1 Beware the Deception of Satan
- 3.2 Understand the Holy Character of The Church
- 3.3 Fear God:

Revelation 15:4 Who will not **fear** you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."