

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2019

MORNING MESSAGE

“A Church with a Shadow”

Acts 5:12-16

- I. IT IS A PURE CHURCH (vv.12b-13)
 - A. The influential church is a pure church
 - B. Those who were curious, but not committed were afraid to join themselves to the church
 1. Verse 13, “And of the rest durst (dared) no man join himself to them”
 2. Williams, “Not one of those on the outside dared to associate with them, although the people continued to hold them in high regard”
- II. IT IS A PROGRESSING CHURCH (v.14)
 - A. The influential church is a growing church
 - B. Multitudes believed
 1. “Multitude” means an innumerable amount
 2. In Acts 4:14 they counted 3,000 souls
 3. In Acts 5:14 there are too many to count
- III. IT IS A POWERFUL CHURCH (vv.12a, 15-16)
 - A. The influential church experiences the power of God
 - B. Signs and wonders were done by the apostles
 1. This was an answer to the prayer of the church
 2. Acts 4:30, “By stretching forth thine hand to heal and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus”