

Historic White Marsh Church

September 11, 2022

Prelude Marjorie Lampkin - Pianist

Hymn ~ 772 When We All Get to Heaven

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn ~ 208 Let the Redeemed

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:36 – 5:11

Prayer

Hymn ~ 737 Like a River Glorious

Sermon

Hymn ~ 566 I Am Resolved

Benediction & Postlude

Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 13 at 1:00 PM

Cleaning Ministry: Sign up on the back table to clean for a month or more. You may create a cleaning team to work together.

September 24 & 25 - Global Outreach Conference - SAVE THE DATE! Tim & Kathy will be here the weekend of 9/24-25. Saturday, 9/24, 8 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast - rsvp, 9/24, 2 PM: Ladies' English Tea - rsvp, Sunday 9/25, 11 AM: GO service & lunch.

Tithes & Offerings Please use the wooden **offering box** or *mail your offering to: PO Box 24, Lancaster, VA 22503. Thank you!*

Historic White Marsh Church is an independent, Bible believing, teaching, and Christ-loving Bible Church. We are made up of Christians from diverse backgrounds, who are going to the same place (heaven) because of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Membership: If you are interested in becoming a member of Historic White Marsh Church, please talk to Rev. Wes Hall.

Shoebox Ministry: Need: School supplies and Hygiene items.

WHY YOU SHOULD BE HONEST WITH GOD

Acts 4:36 – 5:11

GOD KNOWS YOUR MOTIVES and ACTIONS. Acts 4:32-37; 5:1-2

Many believers gave with good and godly motives. Certain people, like Barnabas, had sold lands and houses and had given the proceeds to meet the needs of believers. Such generous giving gained the favorable attention of men. Many had sacrificially given because of their love for God and because of their love for other believers. Such motives honor God. Ananias and Sapphira evidently wanted the praise of people. They sold property and claimed that they had given all of the proceeds when they had only given a part. Their motive for giving was unholy and they lied when they gave. Make sure that your motives and actions honor God.

GOD CAN'T BE FOOLED. Acts 5:1-4

- God knew that Ananias and Sapphira sold property and pretended to give all the proceeds to the church.
- God, who can't be fooled, revealed their lies to all.
- You can't hide anything from God either.

GOD TAKES SIN SERIOUSLY. Acts 5:5-11

God took Ananias' dishonesty so seriously that He took Ananias' life.

God also took Sapphira's lying so seriously that He took her life.

"...You have not just lied unto men, but unto God." V. 4 Don't forget that God also takes your sin seriously. If you have sinned, confess it to God and stop committing that sin. What happened to Ananias and Sapphira should have the same sobering effect on you that it had on the believers in Jerusalem.

Wes Hall

Study Questions on Acts 5:1-11

1. What was wrong with what Ananias and Sapphira did? v. 1-2
2. What do you think their motives were? Why do your motives need to be good?
3. What could they have done differently that would have allowed their gift and actions to honor God? Why is honesty before God and men of great importance? What happened to Sapphira? What do you think would have happened if Sapphira had told the truth and had confessed her sin?
4. How does Peter point out the sinfulness of Ananias? Who motivated Ananias to do evil? v. 3-4
5. What was God's judgment on Ananias for his sin?
6. What happened to Sapphira? What do you think would have happened if Sapphira had told the truth and had confessed her sin?
7. How did other believers respond to what had happened to Ananias and Sapphira? v. 5, 11 How do you think that these events affected the behavior of other believers in the future? How should this story affect you?