

The story, power and purpose of the Church.



...FROM EVERY TRIBE AND LANGUAGE AND PEOPLE AND NATION. -REV. 5:9

What we can learn from the early church

12... And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. 13...they were highly regarded by the people.

Acts 5:12,13

A glimpse into the attitude of the early church:

All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had.

Acts 4:33

Heart- relates to the human spirit the deepest part of our being
Shared the truth of Jesus as part of their existence

Mind or Soul- deals with the realm of ongoing conscious experience
They experienced that truth in mind, emotions and will.

The problem with many churches today:

We share the oneness of the Spirit of Christ but have _____ of it in our souls.

Early church experience led to a new attitude that included putting their _____

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Acts 4:32b

Jesus said: Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

John 13:35

The threat for today's churches: The willingness to live

_____ lives.

Viewing church life as a _____.

The first threat to the early church: Annaias and Sapphira

But there was a certain man named Ananias who, with his wife, Sapphira, sold some property. 2 He brought part of the money to the apostles, claiming it was the full amount. With his wife's consent, he kept the rest. Acts 5:1,2

How could you do a thing like this? You weren't lying to us but to God!"5 As soon as Ananias heard these words, he fell to the floor and died. Everyone who heard about it was terrified Acts 5:4b-5

The threat for today's churches: It is the tragic sickness of the church in any age -- _____.

How does the church today resemble Annaias and Sapphira's sin?

By wearing a mask of _____.

The result: death through a _____ **spirit.**

More notes: