

Sermon Notes – March 3, 2019

Take Your Stand! (*Acts 4:1-12*)

Acts 4 records for us the first persecution of the church and the third sermon of Peter. The apostle shows us how to face opposition when we are serving Jesus.

Matthew 5:11-12; John 15:18-20; 2 Timothy 3:12; I Peter 2:21.

- I. Take your stand against powerful opponents of Christ. (*Vss. 1-6*)
 - A. Powerful political leaders.
 1. Peter/John threatened their authority.
 - B. Powerful religious leaders.
 1. Peter/John were teaching about the resurrection of Jesus.

- II. Take your stand against powerful intimidation towards Christians. (*Vss. 1-3*)
 - A. Intimidation by physical force.
 1. Laid hands on them.
 - B. Intimidation by physical imprisonment.
 1. Put them in jail.

- III. Take your stand in the power of the Holy Spirit. (*Vss. 8-9*)
 - A. Controlled by the Holy Spirit. (*Ephesians 5:18*)
 - B. Confident in the Holy Spirit. (*Luke 12:11-12*)

- IV. Take your stand in the power of the name of Jesus. (*Vss. 10-12*)
 - A. Unashamed of Jesus Christ. (*Luke 9:26*) (*Mark 8:38*) (*Romans 1:16*)
 1. Jesus Christ, crucified by sinners.
 2. Jesus Christ, raised from the dead.
 - B. Declaring Jesus the Christ. (*John 6:68-69*)
 1. His purposes were established in the face of opposition. (*Psalms 118:22*)
 2. His name is the only name of salvation. (*Acts 10:43*) (*Luke 24:46-47*)