

Sermon Notes – April 7, 2019

Fighting Against God (*Acts 5:33-42*)

3 forms of fighting against God:

- I. Hostility towards the Gospel. (*Vs. 33*)
 - A. Convicting preaching often provokes a violent reaction from those hardened in sin. (*I Peter 4:12*) (*Acts 7*)
 - B. Convicting preaching presents the reality of guilt before God. (*vs 28*) (*Matthew 23:29-36*)

- II. Indifference towards the Gospel. (*Vss. 34-40*)
 - A. Gamaliel the Pragmatist.
 1. If God is not in a movement, it will expire.
 2. If God is in a movement, no one can stop it.
 - B. Gamaliel the Unbeliever.
 1. He assumed these facts to be so, without affirming the gospel to be true.
 2. He taught what he believed, without experiencing a change of heart.
 - a. Rabbi, Pharisee, teacher of Paul. (*Acts 22:3*)
 - b. Grandson of Hillel, apparently not bothered by flogging.

- III. Replacement of the Gospel. (*Vss. 29-32, 41-42*)
 - A. The Christian's work IS Jesus.
 1. Obedience to God. (*Luke 6:46-49*) (*vs 29*)
 2. Faithfulness to His Word. (*I Corinthians 4:2*)
 - B. The Churches work IS the preaching/teaching of the gospel.
 1. Glorifying God in suffering. (*I Peter 4:12-19*)
 2. Faithfully proclaiming the gospel till death. (*Acts 20:18-21*)