

The Bold Message of Our Lives

Acts 4:13-22

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This text tells us about what o_____ saw, perceived, understood, and took knowledge of about these two disciples and their works, and what we would hope and pray that o_____ see in us. (Act.4:13-22)

I. The Bold Message of Their Lives (13)

The godly boldness that these Jewish leaders saw in Peter and John didn't come from a pill, or a drink, or from a know-it-all arrogance, but ...

- a) The Holy Spirit's p_____ makes us bold. (Act.1:8; 4:8)
- b) Assurance that we are right according to the B_____ makes us bold. (Pro.28:1; Psa.119:128; 1Ti.1:15)
- c) L_____ for Christ makes us bold. (Rom.5:5)
- d) A true love for others makes us bold. (2Co.5:11; Joh.10:10; 17:3)

The Lord chooses to save and u_____ "unlearned and ignorant" men that it might be obvious that the Lord did this. Our desire is that others might marvel and take knowledge of the fact that we have b_____ w_____ the Lord Jesus. (Act.4:13; 1Co.1:25-31)

II. The Beheld Miracle of Their Lives (14-16,22)

T_____ Christians are a miraculous thing. (Act.4:14-16,22; Eph.2:1-6,10; Tit.3:1-6)

A Christian's life b_____ men is to be a miraculous thing. (Act.4:14-16; Mat.5; 1Pe2-4; 3:15)

Our m_____ is to see the miraculous – to see lives transformed, made new and wholesome by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.(Act.4:14-16,22; 2Co.4:7; 5:17-21)

III. The Brazen Mistreatment to Their Lives (17-18,21)

While the disciples were seeking the eternal w_____ of these men, they persecuted them. (Act.4:8-18,21)

1 Peter 4: 12 Beloved, think it not s_____ concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some s_____ thing happened unto you: **13** But r_____, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings;

God can and does put r_____ upon those who would persecute us. He can give us f_____ in this world's eyes so that we have freedom to continue to carry out the Gospel ministry. (Pro.21:1; 1Ti.2:1-6)

IV. The Biblical Mandate for Our Lives (19-20)

Right is found "in the sight of G_____." (Act.4:19; Psa.119:128)

To "hearken" is to listen with a heart to o_____. We must "hearken" unto God m_____ than unto man. (Act.4:19; Psa.119:9-11) When we must disobey we must do so with a p_____ attitude. (Act.4:19-20; Dan.1-6)

May God fill our hearts with His Spirit and grant us b_____ that we, like these disciples, cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard of the Lord Jesus!