# "THE CHURCH ALARMING & ATTRACTING"

## ACTS 5:11-16

1. **THIS CHURCH IN JERUSALEM ALARMED PEOPLE (5:11, 13)**
   1. This Cuts Cross Grain To Everything We Are Told About In Contemporary Church Growth Forums
      1. The Most Important Relationship That Must Be Cultivated By Any Believer In Any Local Church Is Not That With The Unbelieving, But With God
      2. The Fear Of The Lord Is The Beginning Of All Our Skillful Dealings In Any Other Relationship
   2. The Contemporary Definition Of The Fear Of The Lord Has Virtually Taken All The Teeth Out Of This Scriptural Truth
2. **THIS CHURCH IN JERUSALEM, NEVERTHELESS, ATTRACTED PEOPLE (5:12, 14-16)**
   1. The Obvious Holiness Of This Church Did Not Preclude A Benevolent & Compassionate Heart
      1. People Literally Dragged Their Sick Out Into The Street In The Hope That Even The Shadow Of Peter Might Cross Their Path (5:15)
      2. Today We Have Even More Than The Working Of Sign Gifts
         1. Holiness Costs Us Our Pleasures
         2. Love Costs Us Our Rights
   2. By Deliberate Philosophy We Have Been Conducting An Experiment That Essentially Tries To Make The World Comfortable In Church