

CONNECTED TO THE CHRIST-LIFE

Acts 5:12-26

Mixed Opinion about the Church *(5:12-16)*

Jealous Opposition to the Church

The arrest *(5:17-18)*

The release *(5:19-21)*

The big surprise *(5:21-24)*

The humor of God *(5:17; Ac. 23:8)*

Two Phrases that Shape Our Understanding of Christianity

“All the words of this Life” (5:20)

- Jesus is the “Life” *(Jn. 11:25; 14:6; 1 Jn. 1:2; 5:12)*
- What is special about this Christ-Life
 - It’s the opposite of death *(Ro. 6:23)*
 - It provides light *(Jn. 8:12)*
 - It provides spiritual sustenance *(Jn. 6:32-33)*
 - It provides satisfaction *(Jn. 6:35)*
 - It provides abundant life *(Jn. 10:10)*
 - It provides physical resurrection *(Jn. 6:40; 11:25)*
 - Its blessings are eternal *(Jn. 6:40, 51)*

“Added to the Lord” (5:14)

- An organic connection to Christ
- To be a Christian is to have a living connection to the living Christ, and from that connection flows all the blessings of the Christ-life.