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1. Acts 5:1-2

Deed

a) Sale (1)

b) Conspiracy (2)

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Peter's Accusation

- a) Guilty parties (3)
- b) Couple's responsibility (4)

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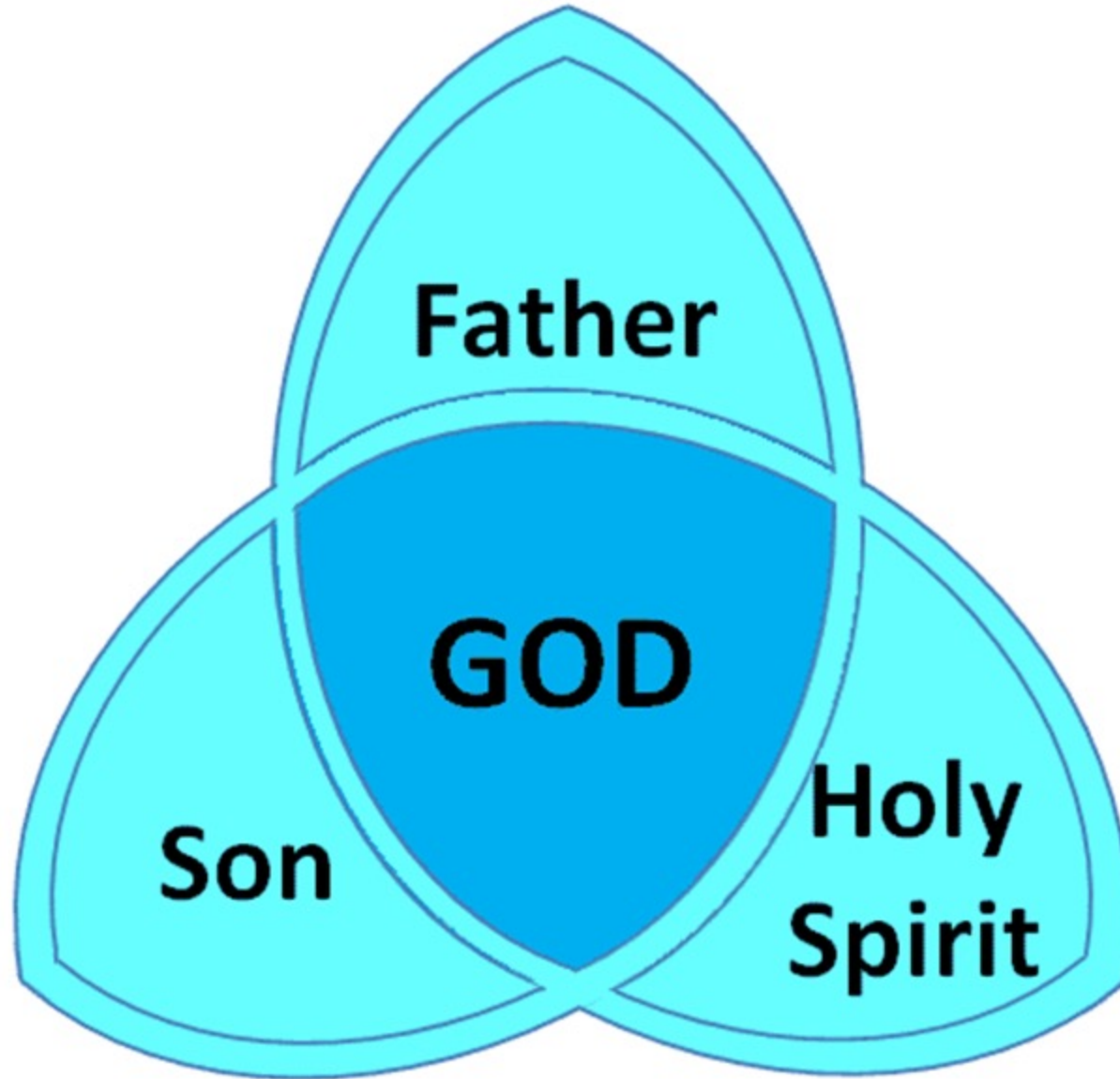
Dr. Stanley Toussaint

The Book of Acts, The Bible Knowledge Commentary, p. 365.

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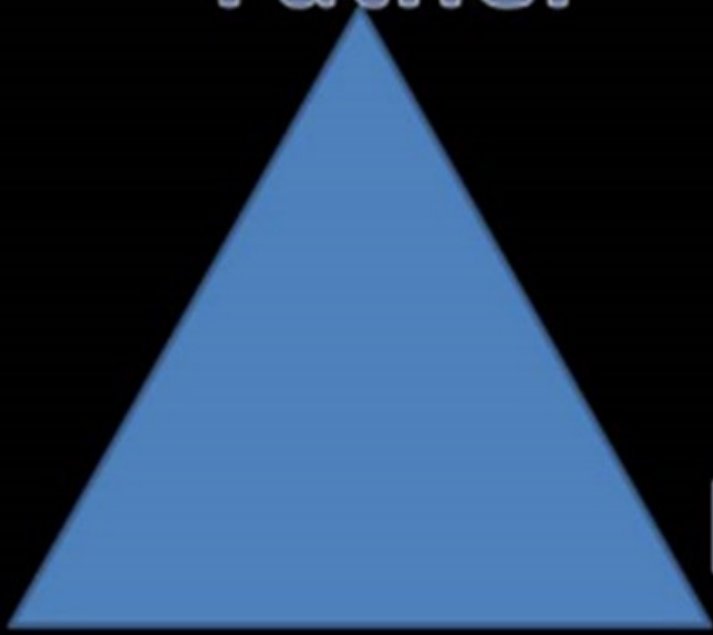


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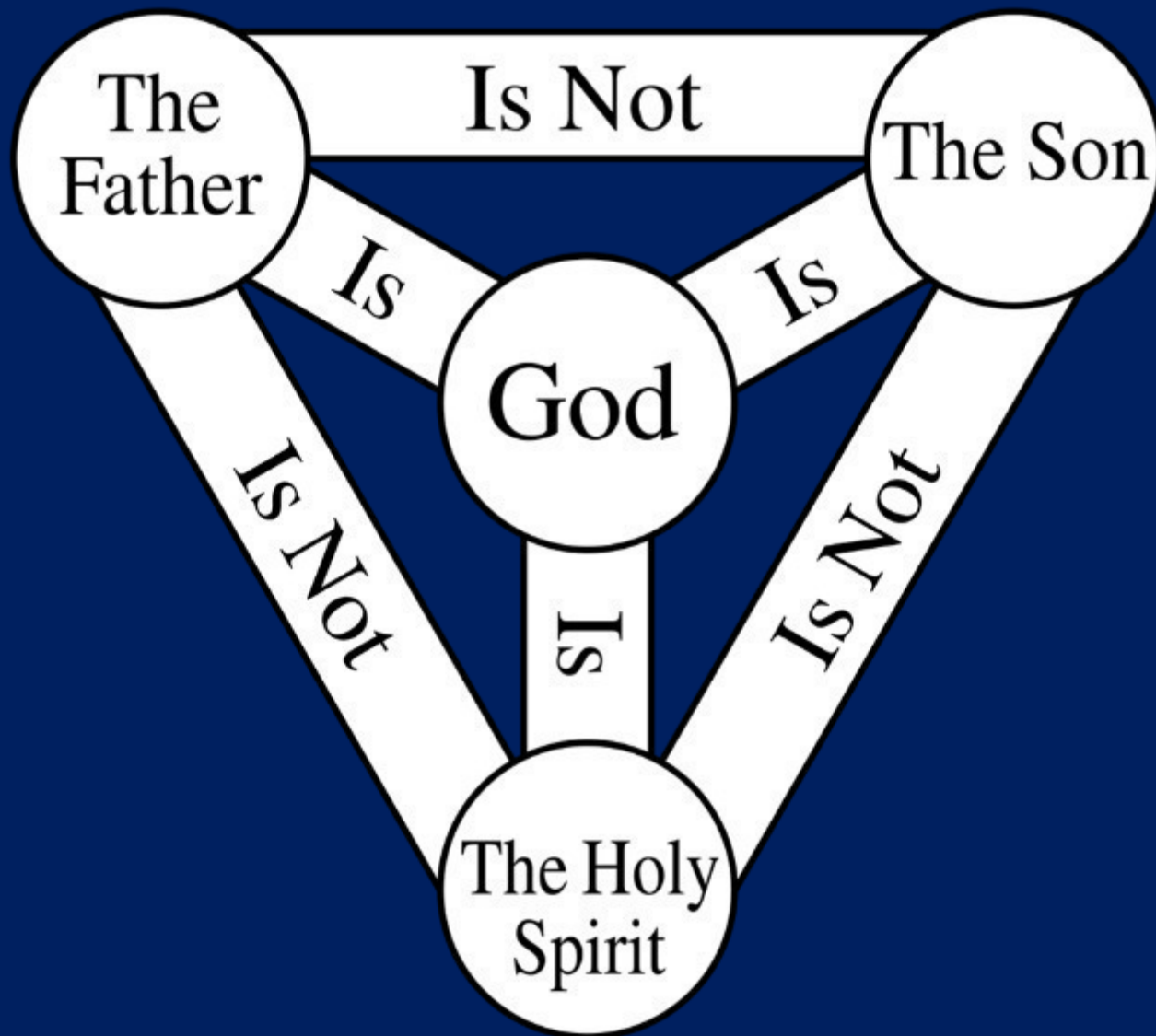
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Son

Holy
Spirit



Trinity



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- Romans 12
- 1 Corinthians 12
- 1 Peter 4
- Ephesians 4



A. Acts 5:1-6

Ananias' Discipline

1. Deed (1-2)
2. Peter's Accusation (3-4)
3. Ananias' Discipline (5-6)

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From the house called Upper, which is now Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying, that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew and Thomas Barnabas and Matthew, Joseph the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. There all with one mind were constantly agreeing themselves to pray, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred) and praying, present, was there Stephen, who said, 'Brethren, the Spirit has said to us, 'Brethren, the Holy Spirit has said by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who crucified Jesus: "For he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry." Close that man's ears, a field with the sign of the cross, and having been crucified, he have given in the middle and all his treasures, goods, and land, because to all who were living in Jerusalem, on that day, were keeping that field very close hid from them in the book of Deuteronomy. 'LET US, HOPEFULLY, WE MAKE MENTION, AND LET US SPEAK OF HIM WITH FREEDOM.' Therefore it is necessary one of the men who have accompanied in all our work, let us have one man, and let us choose one — bringing with the baptism of John into the day, that he was taken up into — one of these men because a witness with us of the resurrection." So they



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3. Acts 5:5-6

Ananias's Discipline

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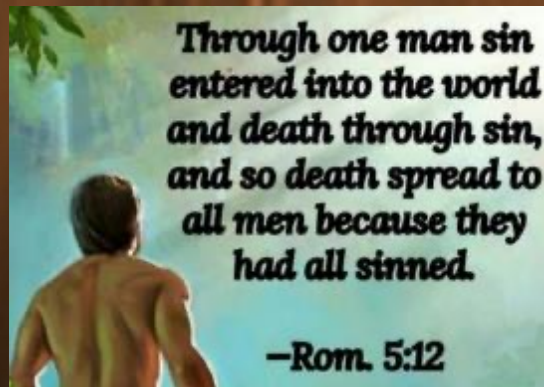
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Rev. 1:11



Genesis 3:19

“By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return.”



2 Cor. 4:16

“Therefore, we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.”



Romans 8:19-22

¹⁹ For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.



The whole creation groans and suffers!



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B. Acts 5:7-10

Sapphira's' Discipline

1. Sin (7-8)
2. Peter's confrontation & judgment (9)
3. Death and burial (10)

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From the house called Cloves, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying, and Peter and John and James and Andrew and Philip and Thomas and Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. There all with one mind were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers, the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred) and serving, present, was there a certain Levite, a Cypriot, by the name of Barnabas (a gathering of about one hundred) and serving, present, was there one called Sapphira, the wife of Ananias, who became a guide to those who entered Jerusalem. For he was a good man, and received his share in the ministry. Close their eyes, and they were all dead. And he became known to all who were living in Jerusalem, so that on their own tongues they had begun to call him Barnabas, which is translated, Son of Consolation, and he was a Levite, of the tribe of Asher. He was a Cypriot, and he had been a deacon in the church of Antioch. He was a good man, and received his share in the ministry. Close their eyes, and they were all dead. And he became known to all who were living in Jerusalem, so that on their own tongues they had begun to call him Barnabas, which is translated, Son of Consolation, and he was a Levite, of the tribe of Asher. He was a Cypriot, and he had been a deacon in the church of Antioch.



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C. Acts 5:11

Result

1. Fear within the congregation (11a)
2. Fear outside the congregation (11b)

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Acts 2:47

“praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.” (NASB)

“praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.” (NKJV)



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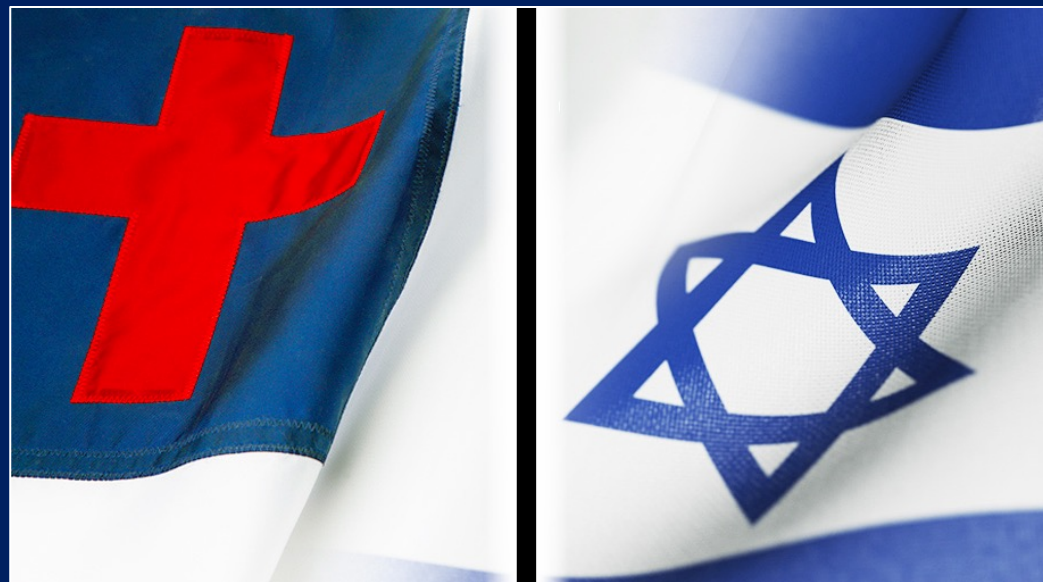
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Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum

Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, "Israel and the Church," in *Issues in Dispensationalism*, ed. Wesley R. Willis and John R. Master (Chicago: Moody, 1994), 118.

“In the book of Acts, both Israel and the Church exist simultaneously. The term *Israel* is used twenty times and *ekklēsia* (Church) nineteen times, yet the two groups are always kept distinct.”



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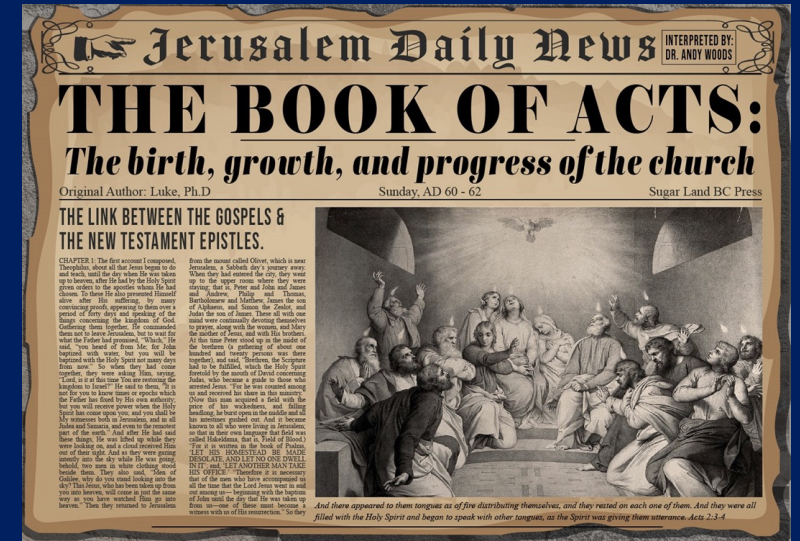


By: Gabriel Morris

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Three Concluding Observations

1. Peter's apostolic authority (Matt. 16:19)
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Ephesians 2:20

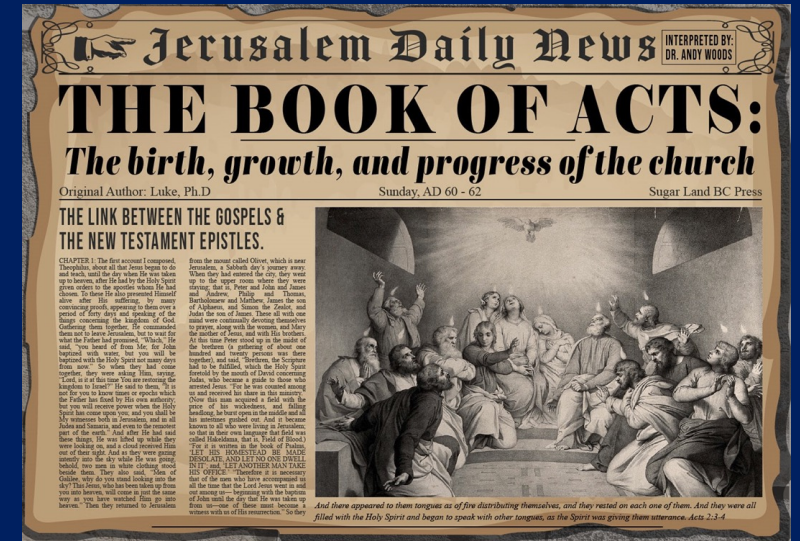
“having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*.”



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Conclusion

Acts 4:1–5:11

Summary

- I. Apostles Arrested (4:1-4)
- II. Apostles Examined (4:5-12)
- III. Sanhedrin's Decision (4:13-22)
- IV. Apostles' Prayer (4:23-31)
- V. Pre-Ananias and Sapphira (4:32-37)
- VI. Ananias and Sapphira (5:1-11)

