

August 9, 2020 - Courage to Share

Two very key phrases Luke used to describe why Peter and John could speak with such courage.

Those same phrases *should* be able to be said of all of us who are born-again in Christ Jesus.

Acts 4:1-22

(Vv.1-2) - The Sadducees were greatly disturbed by what Peter and John said about the resurrection.

(V.4) - Many of the people believed and were saved.

(V.7) - They asked for it!

(V.8) - First key phrase - "filled with the Holy Spirit".

(Vv.9-11) - Our resurrected Lord Jesus is the cornerstone of our faith!

(V.12) - "There is no other name under heaven" for salvation! - John 14:6

(V.13) - The courage that Peter and John displayed was obvious and astonishing and pointed right to Jesus.

- Second key phrase - It was evident that Peter and John "had been with Jesus".

For you and me today, courage to share and to live for Christ comes from our ***being filled with the Holy Spirit*** and our ***being with Jesus***.

(Vv.14-17) - Jesus and His followers were perceived as a huge threat by these religious leaders, and He still is a threat to many people today.

- Pray for them and for God to break through those barriers that people put up in their minds, hearts and lives.

- The evidence of the miracle was right in front of them; they couldn't deny it.

- They were spiritually blinded to the truth because of their own selfishness and sinfulness.

(Vv.18-20) - "We *cannot help speaking about* what we have seen and heard."

- When we are filled with God's Holy Spirit and are spending time being with Jesus *WE* will not be able to help speaking about what we have seen and heard.

- God's Spirit and time with Jesus gives us courage to share.