

COMMUNITY SERVICE BASED CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION 2013 May 5

Helping our community with caring love while enabling them to find and follow Jesus!

Church for our community!

Songs with lyrics

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True love and caring . . .

Romans 12:9-17

Love must be honest and true. Hate what is evil. Hold on to what is good. Love each other deeply. Honor others more than yourselves. Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord. When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. Share with God's people who are in need. Welcome others into your homes. Bless those who hurt you. Bless them, and do not call down curses on them. Be joyful with those who are joyful. Be sad with those who are sad. Agree with each other. Don't be proud. Be willing to be a friend of people who aren't considered important. Don't think that you are better than others. Don't pay back evil with evil. Be careful to do what everyone thinks is right. If possible, live in peace with everyone. Do that as much as you can.

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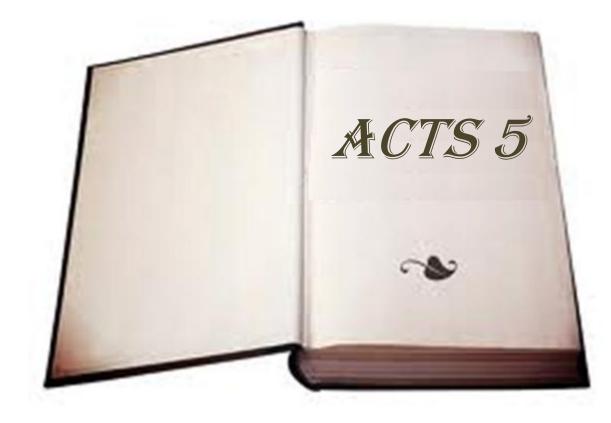
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- 3. Community standby provision \$218 Morry

•	GIFTS DISTRIBUTION FOR NEEDS	TOTAL	-	Kathleen 👻	Мо	rry 💌	Ken	a&Penn' -
	PURSE TOTALS	\$	1,313	\$ 145.00	\$	218.00	\$	950.00
21-Apr-13	Income		418			418		
21-Apr-13	Family food for A&J		-200			-200		
21-Apr-13	Gas fund to Cindy for distribution		-100			-100		
21-Apr-13	Missions fund \$150					-150		150
		\$	1,313					

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The early church was DIFFERENT

Last part of Act 4 said...

The Believers Share What They Own ³² All the believers were agreed in heart and mind. They didn't claim that anything they had was their own. They shared everything they owned.

Did anyone have to do this?

³⁴ There were no needy persons among Did early them. From time to time, those who owned land or houses sold them. They brought the Christians money from the sales. ³⁵ They put it down at own land? the apostles' feet. It was then given out to ³⁶ Joseph was a Levite from Cyprus. The anyone who needed it. apostles called him Barnabas. The name Barnabas means Son of Help. ³⁷ Barnabas Did He sell sold a field he owned. He brought the everything he money from the sale. He put it down at the owned? apostles' feet.

A man named Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, also sold some land. He kept part of the money for himself. Sapphira knew he had kept it. He brought the rest of it and put it down at the apostles' feet. So what? What do you think of this?

e brought the reserve postles' feet. Isn't this just tithing? A common Christian practice? Actually he was probably bringing more than a tithe.

Leviticus 27:30 "Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord. Leviticus 27:30-34 "Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord. If a man wishes to redeem some of his tithe, he shall add a fifth to it. And every tithe of herds and flocks, every tenth animal of all that pass under the herdsman's staff, shall be holy to the Lord. One shall not differentiate between good or bad, neither shall he make a substitute for it; and if he does substitute for it, then both it and the substitute shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed." These are the commandments that the Lord commanded Moses for the people of Israel on Mount Sinai.

Tithing mindset and background at the time

Leviticus 27:30-34 "²² Be sure to set apart a tenth of everything your fields produce each year. ²³ Here are the things you should eat in the sight of the LORD your God. You should eat a tenth part of your grain, olive oil and fresh wine. You should also eat the male animals among your livestock that were born first to their mothers. Eat all of those things at the special place the LORD your God will choose. He will put his Name there. You will learn to have respect for him always.

²⁷ Don't forget to take care of the Levites who will live in your towns. They won't receive any part of the land as their share.

²⁸ At the end of every three years, bring a tenth of everything you produce that year. Store it in your towns. ²⁹ Then the Levites can come and eat. That's because they won't receive any part of the land as their share. The outsiders and widows who live in your towns can come. So can the children whose fathers have died. Everyone can have plenty to eat. Then the LORD your God will bless you in everything you do. When did this tithing start? Melchizedek was the king of Salem. He was the priest of God Most High. He met Abraham, who was returning from winning a battle over some kings. Melchizedek blessed him. ² Abraham gave him a tenth of everything.

Hebrews 7:1-2

BEFORE Abraham!

⁹ Jesus told a story to some people who were sure they were right with God. They looked down on everybody else. ¹⁰ He said to them, "Two men went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee. The other was a tax collector. ¹¹ "The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself. 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people,' he said. 'I am not like robbers or those who do other evil things. I am not like those who commit adultery. I am not even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week. And I give a tenth of all I get.' ¹³ "But the tax collector stood not very far away. He would not even look up to heaven. He beat his chest and said, 'God, have mercy on me. I am a sinner.' ¹⁴ "I tell you, the tax collector went home accepted by God. But not the Pharisee. Everyone who lifts himself up will be brought down. And anyone who is brought down will be lifted Jesus view of tithing... up."

³ Then Peter said, "Ananias, why did you let Satan fill your heart? He made you lie to the Holy Spirit. You have kept some of the money you received for the land.
⁴ Didn't the land belong to you before it was sold? After it was sold, you could have used the money as you wished. What made you think of doing such a thing? You haven't lied to just anyone. You've lied to God."

⁵ When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. All who heard what had happened were filled with fear. ⁶ Some young men came and wrapped up his body. They carried him out and buried him.



So what have we learned about how people in that early church would have thought about Gifts of money planned for God? ⁷ About three hours later, the wife of Ananias came in. She didn't know what had happened. ⁸ Peter asked her, "Tell me. Is this the price you and Ananias sold the land for?"

We need to test for deceit...we need to avoid it as well!

Liar !!!

"Yes," she said. "That's the price."

⁹ Peter asked her, "How could you <u>agree</u> to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! You can hear the steps of the men who buried your husband. They are at the door. They will carry you out also."

¹⁰ At that very moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in. They saw that Sapphira was dead. So they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹ The whole church and all who heard about these things were filled with fear. *ASIDE: Seems it took three hours to bury someone in those days*

Tithing and paying what you owe. Paul's comments Romans 13:7

Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Pay everything you owe. Romans 13:8

It is bad Christian behaviour to not pay back money we owe...money we earn to pay a debt belongs to another! God knows our original intentions doesn't he? It is worse Christian fbehaviour to misuse money of others that is not ours, and we have not agreed with them on how it is to be used! It is *Sin* to misuse God's money at any time!

Practical discussion:

Mortgage money and Christian needs...

Is it okay to take money owed to the bank to pay a gambling debt? Is it okay to take money owed to the bank to buy a car? Is it okay to take money owed to the bank to use it to buy new clothes? Is it okay to take money owed to the bank and use it to feed ourselves instead? Is it okay to take money we owe to the bank and give it to the needy instead?

What are the principles we use to decide when using another's money is stealing or misuse and when it is not? What are the principles we think GOD USES to decide when using another's money is stealing or misuse and when it is not?



Everyone agreed on what needed to be done

> Do you think they decided as

a group?

Was this an Idividual Jecision? ³² All the believers were agreed in heart and mind.

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Why do you think they decided this?

- How does this apply to us today ?
- How should it?
- Why?

Are we doing things right at SGC as a group?

Anything we could do better?

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I am every man Wonderful merciful saviour God of this city Heavens Joy awaits East is from the West While you were sleeping You raise me up Light of my life How great is our Great Who am 1 Gentle Shepherd Mighty to Save

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary

Sacred head now wounded

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You are my hiding place

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