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THE RISE OF OPPOSITION

“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	Be filled with the Holy Spirit, and speak the truth despite opposition.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God’s name is the only name under heaven by which we can be saved.
<i>Good Work</i>	Be continually filled with the Holy Spirit, and be bold in speaking God’s word.

A. A Lame Man Is Healed (Acts 3:1–19)

1. *How was the lame man healed?*

Peter taught the people that Jesus’ name, and faith in His name, made the lame man well. When we speak in His name with faith, there is power.

2. *Peter’s Sermon in Solomon’s Porch*

Peter teaches us the reasons Jesus Christ is worthy of our worship: He is the Holy One and the Just (v. 14); He is the Prince of life (v. 15); and He is raised from the dead (v. 15).

3. *The importance of repentance*

Peter’s sermon does not stop at the Israelites’ mistake. He also teaches them what they ought to do: despite their grave sin of rejecting Jesus, with repentance, they can have everlasting life.

B. The Rise of Opposition (Acts 4:1–13, 15–20, 23–31)

Although Peter and John were placed in custody, about five thousand heard the word and believed! When questioned the next day by the leaders, Peter and John were filled with the Holy Spirit and boldly declared the message of Jesus’ resurrection and the salvation He offers. Despite being uneducated and untrained men, the council could not deny their words or their deeds. Yet instead of choosing to believe, they commanded the apostles not to speak or teach in the name of Jesus.

C. The Second Opposition (Acts 5:17–42)

The apostles were imprisoned by the Jewish leaders for the success of their ministry. But they were released by an angel and immediately returned to the temple to preach. Their response to the council’s orders was bold: “We ought to obey God rather than men” (v. 29). When they were beaten for their actions, however, they simply rejoiced in the blessing of being able to suffer in Jesus’ name.

1. What can we learn from these oppositions?

- No matter what opposes us, we need to preach the truth
- Opposition strengthens our faith

Life Application

- Be Continually Filled with the Holy Spirit
- Boldly Speak the Word of God

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Lesson 2 Homework Assignment

The Rise of Opposition

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Acts 4:12):

1. What does the memory verse teach us about the power of Jesus' name?
2. What are the key lessons in Peter's sermon in Solomon's Porch?
3. What was the apostles' response when the council forbade them from teaching in Jesus' name?
4. What does it mean to be filled by the Holy Spirit?
5. What does it mean to be bold when speaking for God?
6. What types of "prisons" do we face – physical, mental, or social – for sharing our faith? Knowing you may face these, do you think you can still share your faith?