

Review

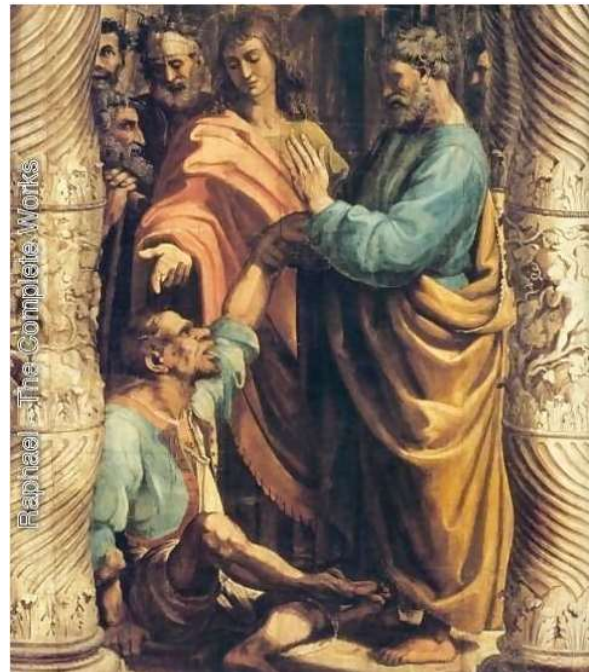
- Affluence in Genesis (Servant Dominion vs. Serpent Dominion)
- Affluence in the Exodus (Slavery vs. Poverty)
- The Law - Poverty and Affluence
- Affluence and the Conquest – danger of material blessing
- Blessing and the Exile – reversal of the Exodus
- Jesus and the New Exodus
 - Security apart from affluence (Rich Fool, Shrewd Manager)
 - Using our affluence for His kingdom (Rich Young Ruler, Zaccheus, Ten Minas)

The Early Church and Affluence

- Possessions and community life (Acts 2:41-47)
- Apostles lack of possessions (Acts 3:6)

Discussion

Given that Luke depicts Jesus as the prophet like Moses (Acts 3:22-26; Deut 18:18), and what we learned about the Exodus, how does the situation of the Jerusalem Church and the Apostles correspond with the situation during the Exodus? What did the apostles have to give other than silver and gold?



Possessions and Dominion

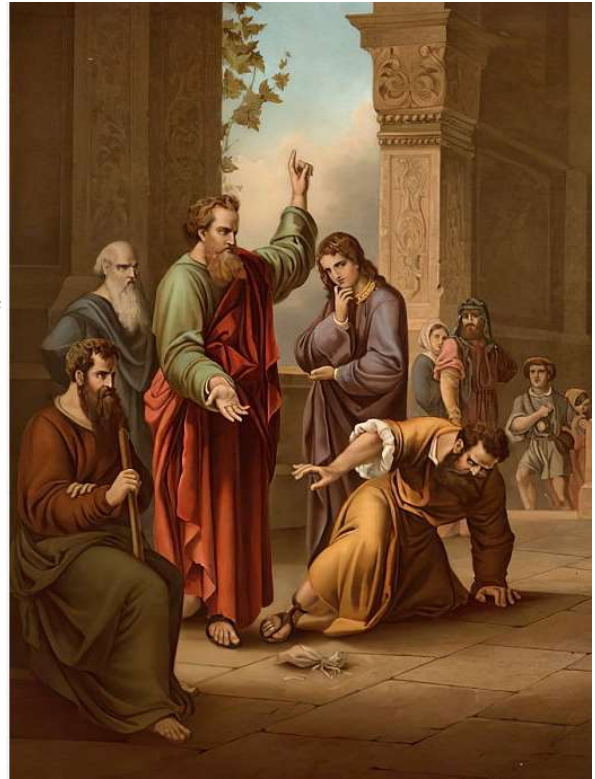
- The times of refreshing (Acts 4:32-37; Deut 15:4-5; Ps 8:6; Lk 7:44-46)
- Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-5:11)

Discussion

What has changed between Acts 3:6 and Acts 4:35? What is the significance of the change of the name of Barnabas? What is the significance of laying the proceeds from the sale of his field at the feet of the Apostles? Does it matter that Barnabas establishes a connection between the Antioch church and the Apostles (Acts 11:22-26)? What does the fraudulent donation of Ananias and Sapphira say about their share in what the Apostles have to offer?

Legitimacy of the Global Church

- Possessions and the election of Matthias (Acts 1:12-26; Matt 27:3-10; Luke 5:11, 18:28-30)
- The Seven (Acts 6:1-7)
- Paul's Famine Collection (Acts 11:28-30, 12:25)
- Paul's Great Collection (Rom 15:26; 1 Cor 16:1-4; 2 Cor 8:8-9,13-14,18; 2 Cor 9:7-11)



Discussion

Why were the apostles so set on the number twelve? What had Judas traded for his place among the twelve? (Acts 1:25) To whom might Ananias and Sapphira have presented their fraudulent offering if they had waited until chapter 6? What does Paul's famine collection in Acts 11-12 say about the relationship between the gentile church in Antioch and the church in Jerusalem? What does his great collection say about the relationship between the churches in Europe and Asia and Israel?