

- I. Unity in Love and Generosity (4:32-37)
 - A. The Source of Their Unity (23-31; John 17:21; Ephesians 4:4-6, 11-16)
 - B. The Example of Barnabas (4:34-36; 2:44-47)
- II. Unity Threatened by Lies (5:1-10)
 - A. The Sin of Ananias and Sapphira
 - B. The Role of Satan (1 Peter 5:8-9; Eph 6:10-13)
 - C. The Judgment of God (Joshua 7)
- III. Unity in the Fear of the Lord (5:11; 1 Peter 1:15-16)

WLC Question 152: What doth every sin deserve at the hands of God? **Answer:** Every sin, even the least, being against the sovereignty, goodness, and holiness of God, and against his righteous law, deserveth his wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come; and cannot be expiated but by the blood of Christ.

WLC Question 150: Are all transgressions of the law of God equally heinous in themselves, and in the sight of God? **Answer:** All transgressions of the law are not equally heinous; but some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.

Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. What motivated the generosity of the early church in Jerusalem? What holds you back from showing the same generosity today?
2. What was the sin of Ananias and Sapphira? Why was it so serious?
3. What is your initial response, your gut reaction, to the Lord's judgment upon Ananias and Sapphira? Is it too harsh? What does it teach us about the Lord?
4. What is the fear of the Lord? Why is it proper to both fear the Lord and love the Lord?