



The
ACTS
OF THE APOSTLES

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Today's Scripture Reading

Acts 4:32 – 5:10



³² Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶ Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, .



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5:1 But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, ² and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. ³ But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?”



⁴ While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God.” ⁵ When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it. ⁶ The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him.

⁷ After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸ And Peter said to her, “Tell me whether you sold the land for so much.” And she said, “Yes, for so much.”



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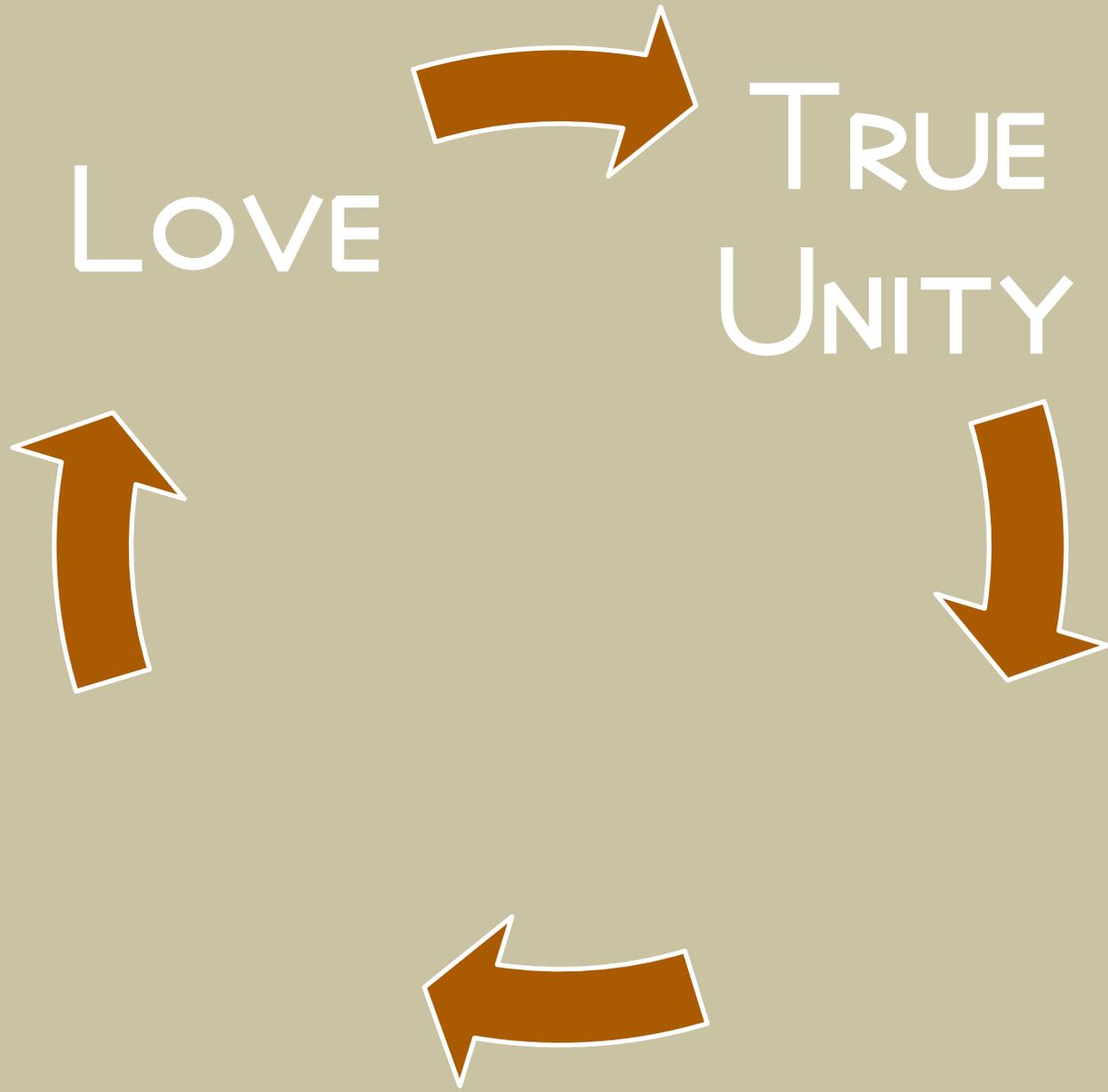
- Luke and Acts started as **one Book** encouraging Theophilus on the Life and works of Jesus.
- Jesus **ris**es from the dead and reveals the life that Luke was talking about.
- Jesus **reveals his mission** to his disciples and provides the power to accomplish it.
- His believers are **filled with the Holy Spirit**



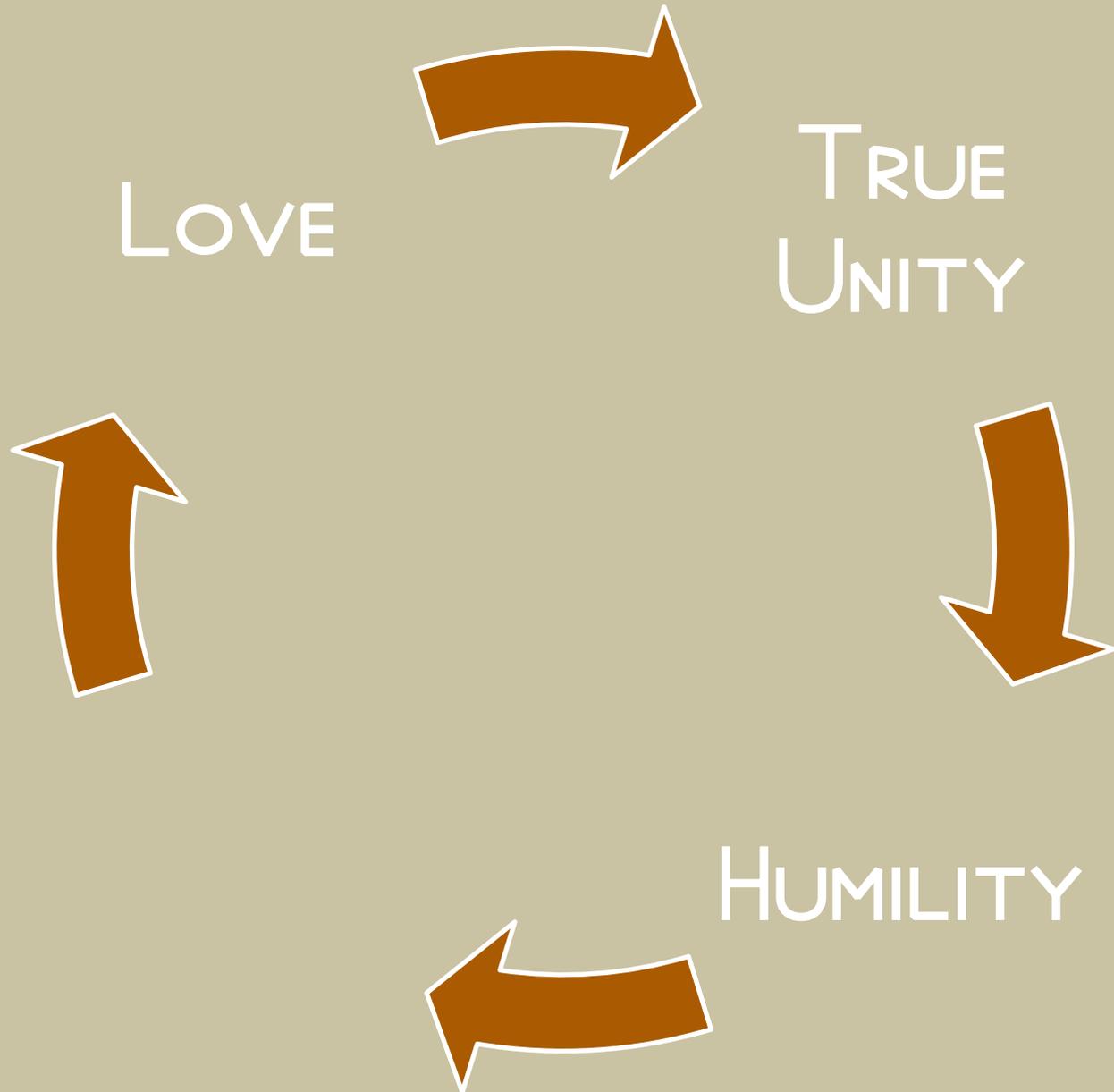
- The **Gospel is preached** to onlookers and God gives grace to many, who become Christians
- A **Christian Community** is formed
- Jesus begins to heal **in order to validate** he is alive and working through his people.
- The work of Peter and John is **questioned by the opposition**



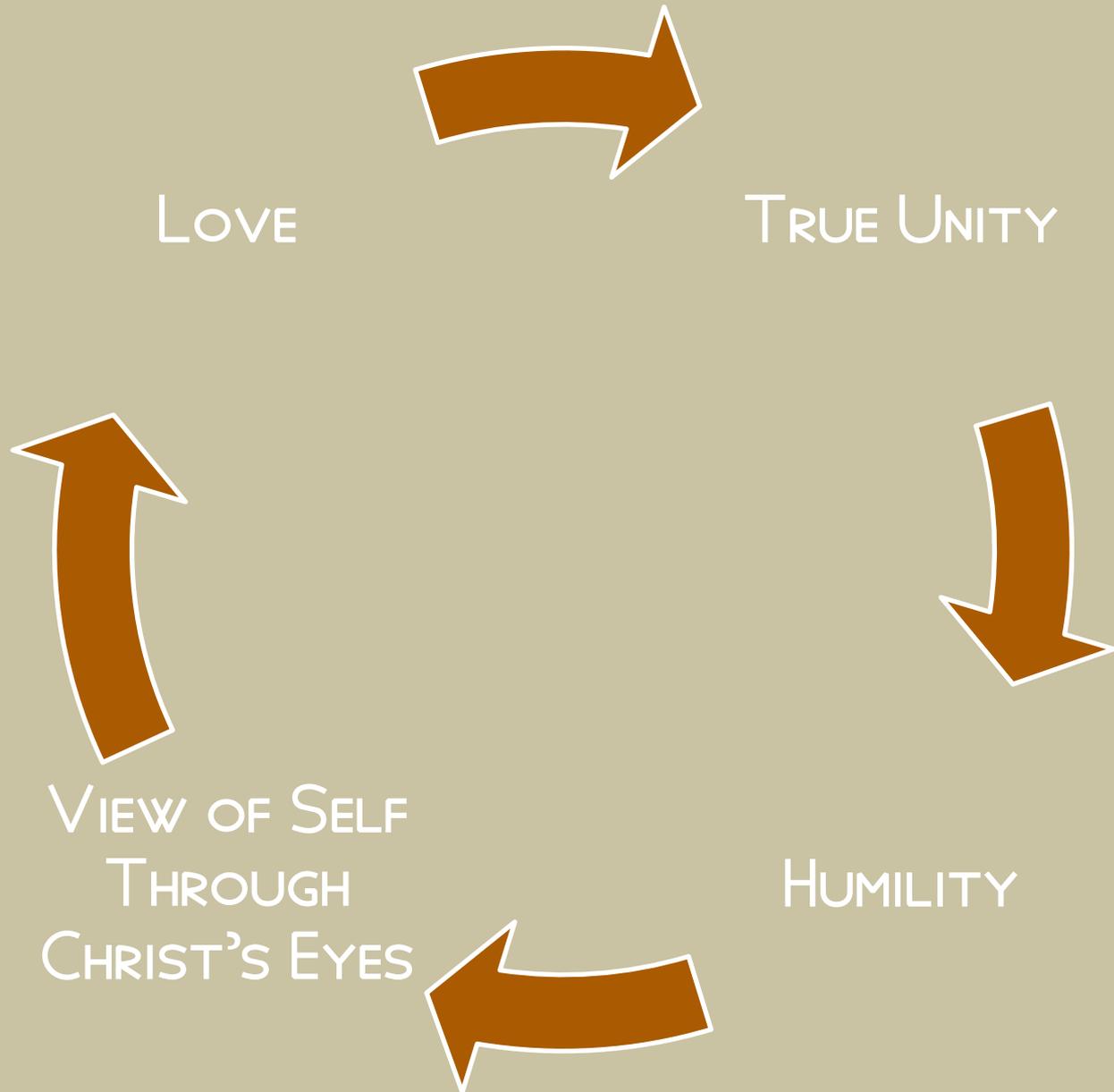
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STILL GIVING WITNESS



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WHO GAVE THAT ORDER?

- The Bible is a heart book not a rule book.
- Christianity is about internal liberty.



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LOVE OF MONEY and **PRAISE OF PEOPLE**
leads to deception and fraud



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The Sin is Hypocrisy

DEMEANING THE HOLY SPIRIT

HEBREWS 10:29

²⁹ How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?



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Comparing **Barnabas** | **Ananias** | **Sapphira**

1. He did not love *money* and *things*
2. He was *transparent*
3. He modeled *trust* and *truth*



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Why Does God
Do THIS?



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