



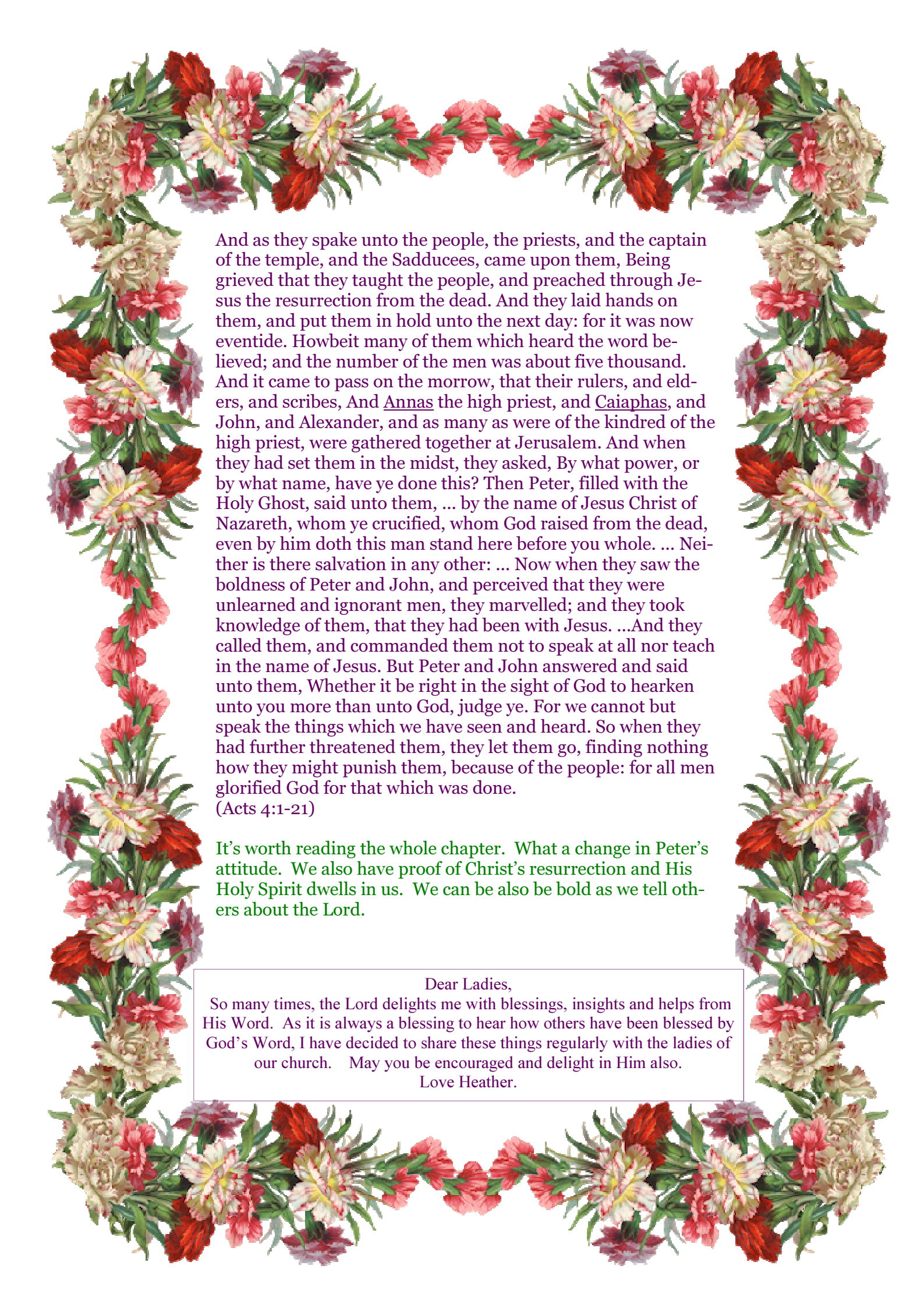
Divine Delights

*And I will delight myself in thy commandments,
which I have loved. (Psalms 119:47)*

Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, And led him away to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year... And Simon Peter followed Jesus, ... But Peter stood at the door without. ... Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not. And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself. The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine. Jesus answered him, ... And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me? Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest. And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also one of his disciples? He denied it, and said, I am not. One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him? Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew. (John 18:12-27)

Notice in this passage that Jesus is being questioned by Caiaphas the high priest. Caiaphas, Annas, and their servants and officers were wicked men who wanted Jesus dead. It is when Jesus is being questioned by these men that Peter denies the Lord. Peter had much reason to be scared.

It was with great interest that when I started reading the next book, Acts, Jesus had ascended and these wicked men were still causing trouble for those following Christ. Peter was once again there, but this time he had witnessed Christ's resurrection and he had the Holy Spirit's power. This time, he spoke boldly for the Lord.



And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide. Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand. And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes, And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this? Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, ... by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. ... Neither is there salvation in any other: ... Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. ... And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.
(Acts 4:1-21)

It's worth reading the whole chapter. What a change in Peter's attitude. We also have proof of Christ's resurrection and His Holy Spirit dwells in us. We can be also be bold as we tell others about the Lord.

Dear Ladies,

So many times, the Lord delights me with blessings, insights and helps from His Word. As it is always a blessing to hear how others have been blessed by God's Word, I have decided to share these things regularly with the ladies of our church. May you be encouraged and delight in Him also.

Love Heather.