

Crisis Averted!  
Acts 6:1-7  
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Acts 3:1-5:42 – External Persecution

- Apostles arrested – Trial – Punishment!

Acts 6:1-7 – Internal Dissension

Problem:

- Church was growing!
- Two groups – Hellenists vs. Hebraists
  - Language/ Culture

Process:

- Gathered whole church
  - “Congregational” rule
  - But remember: Purpose of the Book of Acts
    - Descriptive vs. Prescriptive?
- Apostles gave direction:
  - Focus on Calling: Word and Prayer
  - Ad Hoc Committee: Select 7
    - Full of faith & Full of Spirit
    - 1 Timothy 3:1-7
- The whole group pleased – 7 selected
  - Greek names!
- Presented and approved

Result:

- Crisis averted!
- Word of God spread!
- Note: A large number of priests became obedient to the faith!
  - Where had the Apostles been teaching?

Application:

- The Call to unity – See 1 Cor 12:12-13
  - Unity vs. Uniformity
- My responsibility – Romans 12:18