

Series "God At Work" Book of Acts
"Spirit Filled Church"
Acts 2:42-47
Study-6

"Descriptive" The Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came and began to indwell the believers. The evidence of the mighty rushing wind, tongues as of fire resting on the believers.

"Prescriptive" Given to prayer, preaching the Word, Jesus is God that was raised from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is coming again.

Thought of our Passage: "Spirit-Filled Church Was Committed To Teaching, Fellowship, The Lord's Supper, Prayer, Resulting In Continuous Growth"

- 1. Verse 42 What The Church Should Do**
- 2. Verses 43-47 What The Church Will See**

1. Verse 42 What The Church Should Do:

Acts 2:42 They We left off with **"The Church's First Sermon."** Pentecost, the Holy Spirit baptized the believers, and they began to speak in other tongues,

Acts 2:40-41

and that day there were added about three thousand souls.
This message resulted in the birth of the church.

They were continually devoting themselves - What Luke does is he summarizes what the Church's focus was. *This could be a summary of days, weeks, months, or even years that Luke is referring to.*

continually means *"Emphatically."* *This is what they were committed to and working towards; it was the goal; it was settled in their hearts and minds.*

The Four Fundamentals of The New Testament Church:

- 1. A Church Committed To Apostles' Teaching: (Learning God's Truth) to the apostles' teaching** or *"The Apostles' Doctrine."* First thing after the glory of Pentecost!

Acts 2:41 added about three thousand souls. New Bible Students were enrolled! **1 Peter 2:2**

teaching or **Doctrine** – means “*systematic or thorough approach to teaching.*” It describes the body or the sum total of a teaching or teachings.

Note that the emphasis was not the Apostles (The Men) but their Teaching (Doctrine), the Truth:

The subject of the Apostle’s teaching was the things pertaining to Jesus Christ. The Gospels -

Acts 2:14-41 The meaning of Pentecost. Peter uses the OT to explain the NT work of God. **Kerygma** – Greek word for Preaching Apostles’ Doctrine.

1. Jesus came from God
2. You and I killed Him
3. God raised Him up
4. He sends the Holy Spirit
5. Believe and Repent
6. He’s coming back

Later included were the expanding New Testament books inspired by the Holy Spirit. Epistles –

2 Peter 1:20-21

The Apostle Paul received Divine Revelation from God: **1 Corinthians 11:23; 1 Thessalonians 2:13**

The Apostles’ Teaching (Doctrine) was the authority of the Truth of God, not merely that of men.

Jesus said to the Apostle Peter – John 21:15-17 three times: Feed my Sheep.

- 2. A Church Committed To Fellowship: (Loving One Another) and to fellowship,** the Greek word **Koinonia** – **1st time in the NT** “*partnership, participation, a sharer, associate, communion.*” Literally means “*having in common a joint partnership and sharing based on a common ground.*” *Born again, family of God*

What is described is Believers, those that are Born-Again, Christians, Children of God, the Redeemed.

Church – Greek word *Ekklēsia* “*to call out or called out ones*”
1 John 1:3; Ephesians 4:2-6

The great evidence of God’s life in us is fellowship with others who belong to God. 1 John 3:14

We cannot walk alone, live alone, or stand alone.

- 3. A Church Committed To The Lord's Supper: (Worshipping God) to the breaking of bread** - In the Jewish mind, "Breaking of Bread" probably refers to the church's regular meals. That concluded with the Lord's Supper.

Jude 12 love feasts

The Bible never tells us how often we should practice this.

1 Corinthians 11:26

1 Corinthians 11:23-34 The Apostle Paul gives revelation regarding The Table of The Lord or Communion.

It is clear that Communion is for believers only.

1 Corinthians 11:28-31

- 4. A Church Committed To Prayer: (Aligned To God) and to prayer.**
The church prayed. The Habitual Action of the disciples was that of prayer. **Acts 1:14**

This is the Path of Power! It is the realignment of man to God.

Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17

2. Verses 43-47 What The Church Will See:

Acts 2:43 Everyone - Luke records Four Results of this type of Fundamentals:

- 1. Verse 43 Christian Fellowship Marked by Reverence – Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe;** *"fear, reverence"* The work is of God!

Acts 2:37 they were pierced to the heart, 1 Peter 2:17

and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. This was to authenticate the message as coming from God through signs and wonders.

- 2. Verses 44-45 Christian Fellowship Marked by Oneness in Love – And all those who had believed were together,** or *"kept together, held together."* **The basis of togetherness was belief.** Note that the Christians hung together.

and had all things in common; Because Jesus was in them.

Acts 2:45 and they began selling their property and possessions, Acts 5: Ananias and Sapphira sold property.

This Giving Was Voluntary - Acts 5:3-4

and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.
survival mode

This does not teach **Communism** – compulsory giving says, "*What's yours is mine.*"

3. Verses 46-47 Christian Fellowship Marked by Worship and Joy - Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, (Formal Worship) They met daily (Acts 2:46)

and breaking bread from house to house, (Informal Worship)

they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,

Acts 2:47 praising God, we praise God for what He has done. We worship God for who He is.

Favor With All People – and having favor with all the people.

4. Verse 47 Christian Fellowship Marked by Continuous Growth – And the Lord was adding to their number day by day

day by day - Note that the salvation of souls was not just Sunday morning

those who were being saved. Those who make up the church are born again.

Application: Acts 2:42

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- 4. A Church Committed To Prayer: (Aligned To God)**
- 5. A Church Will See Continuous Growth –**