

A Church on a Mission

Part 1: The Church God Built

Acts 2:42-47

Something's Missing? The _____

A Great Revival (Acts 2:1-41)

The Church grew from 120 to 3,120 in ONE DAY!

What would happen next?

ACTS—the basics

- A sequel to the Gospel of Luke
- A history of the New Testament Church
- A history of the power of the Holy Spirit in the early church
- Author: Luke a Gentile historian & physician
- Theophilus: a wealthy new Christian who funded this research project
- Theme verse: Acts 1:8
- Based on many eye witness testimonies (including Luke's)
- Accurate historical detail
- Literary excellence
- Background: after Jesus rose from the dead, he remained on earth and ministered to his disciples for 40 days then ascended into heaven

The Church God Built

1. A church community devoted to _____ together every day (v.42)

Devoted: continuous single minded steadfast fervent dedication & devotion to someone or something

The church was steadfastly devoted to

- God's Word (The Apostle's teaching)
- One Another in the Church Community (The Fellowship/Koinonia)
- Jesus: His death and resurrection (The Breaking of The Bread)
- Prayer (The Prayers)
- Praising God (see vs.46 & 47)

Priority!

2. A church community generously sharing and caring to meet one another's _____ (vs.44-45)

v.44 Believers: 1st time Christians are called "believers"

Generous sharing & caring—What is mine is yours and what is yours is mine—voluntary out of love for God and one another

v.45: taking ACTION to meet needs (not greeds or wants)

3. A church community marked by _____ and genuine _____ (vs.44 & 46)

Together: unity & oneness (3X in NIV)

Every day they continued to meet together, living life together as a church family in the temple & in homes

Glad and sincere hearts: they liked each other (sincere = smooth w/o obstacles)

4. A church community as a powerful _____ to the world (vs. 43 & 47)

Everyone/all the people: the variety of people in Jerusalem

Wonders and miraculous signs: the apostles were endowed by God to perform miracles to verify and give credibility to the message

Awe: reverential wonder and respect for God

Favor: positive, held in high regard

Something special and wonderful was happening and people took notice! The church was a powerful witness to the world around them

God Was Pleased! Acts 2:47b And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

In The Church God Built

- The Risen Jesus Christ was a living reality
- The Holy Spirit was moving powerfully
- God the Father was pleased
- Church was a day to day reality not a once a week observance
- They Lived Life Together
- They were a Church on A Mission

What about First Baptist Church?