

The Message Notes

Message: Continuation of the Church

Text: Acts 2:42-47 (NKJV)

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v. 42-47. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Talk:

Objective: Today, it is hard to know who is the **real** church that continued from the church that was started in Acts.

God knows His universal church, 2 Timothy 2:19

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P1. _____: **v42.** And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' **doctrine** and **fellowship**, in the **breaking of bread**, and in **prayers**.

Continued steadfastly is to remain **devoted** to the **disciplines** of following Christ which entailed:

- Apostles' doctrine (discipleship - learners)
- Fellowship (partnership - breaking of bread – covenant)
- Prayers (worship - communion with God by His Spirit)

Application: Our church **continues** in the Apostles' doctrine (discipleship), fellowship (partnership), and prayers (worship).

PT2. _____ **v43.** Then fear came, many **wonders** and **signs** were done through the **apostles**.

- **Authority** of the Scriptures
- **Accountable** to community
- **Alignment** in Prayer

Application: Our church **continues** in the disciplines of following Christ by obeying the **authority** of Scripture, being **accountable** to the **community** and in **alignment** with God by prayer. Then God confirms Himself being with us.

PT3. _____ **v.44-47.** Now all who believed were **together**, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So, continuing daily with **one accord** in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their

food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the **Lord added** to the church **daily** those who were **being saved**.

Fellowship – Koinonia – partnership that mutually benefits all. You consider what you own is not your own, so you share everything.

Following Christ is **never** an **individualistic** quest to **pursue** God **outside** of being in **fellowship** with His church. It is **ALWAYS** as much about us dealing with each other as it is dealing with God.

Principles of Fellowship:

Charity: “all who believed were together and had all things in **common** and sold their possessions and goods, and **divided** them among, as anyone who had need.” Colossians 3:14

“Charity is the first principle of fellowship.”

- **Charity** is the highest form of love because it reciprocates the overflow of God’s love to others. John 13:34-35, I John 3:17-18

“We **love** people **unto life** in Christ.”

Without love: 1) I am nothing, 2) I gain nothing, 3) I do not know God: I Corinthians 13:2-3, I John 4:8

- **Unity:** “So, **continuing daily** with **one accord** in the **temple**, and **breaking bread** from **house to house**,” John 17:23
- **Simplicity:** “they ate their food with gladness and **simplicity** of heart, **praising** God and having **favor** with all the people. And the **Lord added** to the church **daily** those who were **being saved**.”

Simplicity – uncomplicated, and uncrowded lifestyle.

Application: Our church continues in our **charity** for one another, **unity** in Christ, and **simplicity** of heart that mutually benefits everyone in community with the church.