

What Kind Of Church Does God Build?
(Acts 2:37-47)

I. The Saints of the Church of Acts were:

- A. **Transformed** by the Truth of the Gospel Message v37-v41
- B. **True** to the teaching of the Word, fellowship, communion, and prayer v42,46
- C. **Together** in their sense of awe of God, relationships with one another, and serving one another as one had need v43-46
- D. **Transmitters** of the praise of God v47
- E. **Trusted** with new members by God as they gained favor with people in the surrounding community v47

II. The kind of Church that God Builds is a Church devoted to :

- A. **Membership**- transformed by truth, committed to others as a result of the truth, baptizing those who come to faith and fellowshipping with one another in the assembly and in their homes to promote love and good deeds v37-42, v46
- B. **Maturity**-listening to and obeying the Word of God together on a regular basis v42,
- C. **Magnification**- partaking of communion on a regular basis/praying together on a regular basis, having a sense of awe of God and praising God together on a regular basis v42, v43, v47
- D. **Ministry**- Serving one another as one has need Meeting the needs of one another v44-45
- E. **Missions**- Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ/ having a good reputation within the community due to their attitude and actions towards God and one another v37-41, v47

III. If we are going to be a Church that God builds we must be individually be committed to: (Ephesians 4:17-23)

- A. **Realize** our sin in our thinking, communication, behavior, relational patterns, lack of Service
- B. **Remorse** over sin in our thinking, communication, behavior, relational patterns, lack of service
- C. **Renounce** our sin in our thinking, communication, behavior, relational patterns, lack of service
- D. **Repent** of our sin in thinking, communication, behavior, relational patterns, lack of Service
- E. **Replace** sin with godly thinking, communication, behavior, relational patterns, using our spiritual gifts to serve others in the Church and outside. (Romans 12:2-3, Ephesians 4:29, Colossians 3:1-25, 1Peter 4:10-11)

IV. If we are going to be a Church that God builds we must corporately: (Ephesians 4:1-17/Acts 2:37-47/Romans 12:9-21, Hebrews 10:24-25, Ephesians 6:18)

- A. **Commune** together for the common good of all in the Community of Faith Bible Church on a consistent basis. (Membership)
- B. **Commit** to learning and living the truth of God's word while helping each other deal with sin in their lives at Community of Faith Bible Church. (Maturity)
- C. **Call** out to God in corporate praise, prayer, and worship at Community of Faith Bible Church
- D. **Cheer** one another on to love and good deeds while contributing the physical and spiritual needs of one another at Community of Faith Bible Church. (Ministry)
- E. **Communicate** the Gospel to individuals within our community and abroad at Community of Faith Bible Church. (Missions)