

THE FIRST CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP!

(Acts 2:42-47)

I. THE ADVENT OF THE SPIRIT AND THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

- A. The Holy Spirit Comes on the Feast of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-11)
- B. A Biblical Perspective on the Gift of Tongues from 1 Corinthians 12-14
- C. Peter Explains What Just Happened on Pentecost (Acts 2:12-21)
- D. Peter Preaches an Evangelistic Message to the Unbelieving Crowd (Acts 2:22-36)

II. THE FIRST CHRISTIAN GATHERING

A. The First Christian Fellowship in the Body of Christ (2:42-47)

1. In verses 42-47 it is quite evident that these new converts took _____ of their own spiritual growth by staying connected with the apostles of Jesus Christ.

2. Likewise, from this important passage it is apparent that the apostles provided _____, and _____ for this large body of believers.

3. Specifically, these new believers “*continued steadfastly*”, i.e., they diligently devoted themselves to...
 - a. _____: Systematic Scriptural instruction (v. 42a)

 - b. _____: This “*koinonia*” is derived from developing a like-mindedness around the truth of the Gospel (which united them), and the truth of the Word of God, resulting in spiritual conversation and participation. (v. 42b)

 - c. The _____: This ordinance, this celebration of the Lord’s Supper was to be done in thankful remembrance of their Blessed Savior’s finished work. (v. 42c)

 - d. _____: This involved group prayer or corporate prayer uttered from needy and thankful hearts in response to the Word of God with praise, supplication, and intercession. (v. 42d)

4. It is assumed throughout the New Testament that believers are ideally and normally _____ to a local church and that they _____ the _____ of gathering together with other saints on a regular basis for a variety of reasons, including the corporate worship of God and the edification of the saints. (Heb. 10:24-25)
- a. This is reflected in a _____ (reverential awe) that impacted every soul, as well as many _____ and miraculous _____ taking place through the apostles. (v. 43)
- b. There was a _____ for _____ which caused them to be an _____ participant in ministering to people in meeting both physical and spiritual needs and fulfilling various “one-anothers” in agape love. (vv. 44-46)
- c. There were believers _____ as He was being _____ through what the Holy Spirit had done for, in, and through these believers. (v. 47a)
- d. There was ongoing _____ as they were “*having favor with all the people*” and the Lord _____ to the Church daily those who were being saved. (v. 47b)

* What can you learn from this by way of an effective church?

Local churches that are effective and cooperate with the Holy Spirit ...

- 1) Are active in evangelism and preaching the _____ clearly.
- 2) Are not afraid to _____ with Jesus Christ.
- 3) Have a _____ congregation.
- 4) Have _____ and _____ spiritual leaders.
- 5) Are _____ to learning the Word of God.
- 6) Are _____ to _____ for corporate worship.
- 7) Focus on Jesus Christ and take God _____.
- 8) Engage in ongoing _____.
- 9) Are motivated by agape to _____ to others in need.
- 10) Don't emphasize the building but the _____ of _____.