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Acts 2:36-47

## **Acts 2:36-47** (NKJV)

36 “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.”

41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,

45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

46 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,

47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

# The Holy Spirit Will Convict The Heart!

The Holy Spirit took Peter's message and used it to convict the hearts of the listeners.

Note that they addressed their question to the other Apostles as well as to Peter, for all twelve were involved in the witness that day, and Peter was only first among equals.

# The Holy Spirit Will Convict The Heart!

Peter told them how to be saved: they had to repent of their sins and believe on Jesus Christ. They would give proof of the sincerity of their repentance and faith by being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, thus identifying themselves publicly with their Messiah and Saviour.

# Salvation Comes By:

Only by repenting and believing on Christ could they receive the gift of the Spirit and this promise was for both the Jews and the “far off” Gentiles.

## Galatians 3:11–14 (NKJV)

11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for “the just shall live by faith.”

12 Yet the law is not of faith, but “the man who does them shall live by them.”

13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (*for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”*),

14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

## Ephesians 2:13–18

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,

16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

17 And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

# We Must Be A Bible Based Church

## Acts 2:40 (NKJV)

And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.”

This text indicates the Apostles continued to share the Word and to urge the people to trust Jesus Christ.

They looked on the nation of Israel as a “*crooked generation*” that was under condemnation.



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## **Matthew 16:4** (NKJV)

A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.” And He left them and departed.

## **Matthew 17:17** (NKJV)

Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.”

## **Philippians 2:15** (NKJV)

that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,



**3,000 People  
Repented, Believed,  
And Were Saved.**



## **Acts 2:41** (NKJV)

Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

The believers continued to use the temple for their place of assembly and ministry, but they also met in various homes reaching people for Jesus Christ.

The 3,000 new converts needed instruction in the Word and fellowship with God's people if they were to grow and become effective witnesses. The early church did more than make converts; they also made disciples.

# Make Disciples

## Matthew 28:19–20 (NKJV)

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

# Fellowship Comes Along Side Of Discipleship

## Acts 2:42 (NKJV)

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Two phrases in Acts 2:42 may need explanation. *“Breaking of bread”* refers to their regular meals, but at the close of each meal, they probably paused to remember the Lord by observing what we call *“the Lord’s Supper.”*

# Fellowship Comes Along Side Of Discipleship

Bread and wine were the common fare at a Jewish table. The word fellowship means much more than *“being together.”*

It means *“having in common”* and probably refers to the sharing of material goods that was practiced in the early church motivated by love.

**Matthew 22:39** (NKJV)

And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

# The Church Grew Daily

The church was unified (*Acts 2:44*), magnified (*Acts 2:47a*), and multiplied (*Acts 2:47b*).

## Acts 2:44 (NKJV)

44 Now all who believed were **together**, and had all things in common,

## Acts 2:47 (NKJV)

47 **praising** God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord **added** to the church daily those who were being saved.

# Your Daily Life Style Is Important.

It had a powerful testimony among the unsaved, not only because of the miracles done by the Apostles (*Acts 2:43*), but also because of the way the members of the fellowship loved each other and served the Lord.

# Your Daily Life Style Is Important.

## **Psalm 100:2** (NKJV)

Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.

## **Colossians 3:23–24** (NKJV)

23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,

24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

# God Is With Us Wherever We Go!

The risen Lord continued to work with them and people continued to be saved. What a church!

**Mark 16:20** (NKJV)

And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.



**The Christians You Meet In  
The Book Of Acts Were Not  
Content To Meet Once A Week  
For “*Services As Usual.*”**



# They Met Daily

## Acts 2:46 (NKJV)

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,

# They Cared Daily

## Acts 6:1 (NKJV)

Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.

They formed deacons to help meet the needs in the body!

# They Won Souls Daily

**Acts 2:47** (NKJV)

praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

# They Searched The Scriptures Daily

## Acts 17:11 (NKJV)

These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

# They Increased In Number Daily

**Acts 16:5** (NKJV)

So the churches were strengthened in the faith,  
and increased in number daily.

Their Christian faith is a day-to-day reality, not a once-a-week routine. Why? Because the risen Christ is a living reality, and His resurrection power was at work in our lives through the Spirit.

The promise is still good: “Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (*Acts 2:21; Rom. 10:13*).

Who have you helped to call on his name?

Have you trusted Jesus Christ to save you?



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