

10. A _____ Church

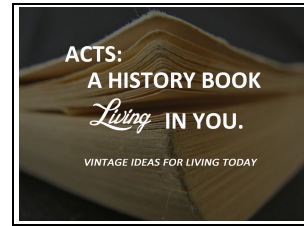
...and enjoying the favor of all the people.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35

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Part 4: Acts 2:37-47
The Beginning of the Church

The Message

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. Acts 2:37-41

Jesus said: “Repent, and believe the good news.” Mark 1:15
Repent and believe.

Two sides to the same coin, and that’s how you receive Christ as Savior and Lord, through repentance and faith.

Your faith receives it; it doesn’t earn it.

I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Philippians 3:12

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it yet. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, Philippians 3:13

“The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off ...” Acts 2:39

“Through his great and precious promises, we participate in the divine nature.” 2 Peter 1:4

The Church

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47

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42 They devoted themselves

Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples."
John 8:31

They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us. 1 John 2:19

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42 They devoted themselves ... to the apostles' teaching...

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16

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42 They devoted themselves ... to fellowship

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24,25

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42 They devoted themselves ... to the breaking of bread

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42 They devoted themselves ... and to prayer.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

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43 Everyone was filled with awe...

The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. 16 They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." Luke 7:15,16

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43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

"Aeneas," Peter said to him, "Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and roll up your mat." Immediately Aeneas got up. 35 All those who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. Acts 9:34,35

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All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together... Acts 2:44-46a

For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. 2 Corinthians 8:12.

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