

## The Basics of the Church in Two Verses (Acts 2:41-42)

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<sup>42</sup> And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

### 1. Notice the Observable \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### a. Belief in the Word ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

*Believe in Jesus, God's Son who took on flesh, died in our place to pay for our sins, and rose from the dead.*

- 38 "Repent..."
- 40 "Be saved from this perverse generation."
- 41 "...those **who** gladly received his word..."
- 44 "Now all **who** believed..."
- 47 "...those **who** were being saved."

#### b. Baptism in Water ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

*Matt 28:19 "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"*

#### c. Belonging to a Family ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

### 2. Recognize the Ongoing \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>42</sup> And they continued steadfastly... (lit. "they were being enduring towards")

*Acts 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.*

*Acts 2:46 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,*

*Acts 6:4 "but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."*

*Acts 10:7 And when the angel who spoke to him had departed, Cornelius called two of his household servants and a devout soldier from among those who waited on him continually.*

*Rom 12:12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;*

*Col 4:2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;*

### 3. Recognize the Key \_\_\_\_\_

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#### a. To the teaching of the apostles ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

- Old Testament (New Testament had not been written yet)
- Old Testament in light of Jesus
- New, direct revelation
- Always consistent → Not man's ideas
- What it requires (learning/living)

#### b. To the fellowship ( caring & \_\_\_\_\_ )

- Sharing with overlapping lives and efforts
- Sharing via physical support

#### c. To the breaking of the bread ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

Option #1: \_\_\_\_\_

1. No "cup"
2. Further statements

Option #2: Shared \_\_\_\_\_

1. Verse 46
2. Used often of eating
3. House to house...

Option #3: A Combination of \_\_\_\_\_

#### d. To the prayers ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

Option #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Prayers

- Acts 3:1 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth [hour].
- Matt 21:13 And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,'..."

Option #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Prayers

- Acts 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. (cf. 6:4 apostles – give ourselves continually...)
- Acts 12:5 Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.

Option #3: \_\_\_\_\_ Prayers

- Eph 6:18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints-
- Phil 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

Option #4: A Combination of All \_\_\_\_\_

Breaking (*klassis*) of Bread:  
Only here and in Luke 24:35:  
And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread. (cp. *klaos* Lu 24:30, 14x half/half)