

# Church – The Beginnings, Part 7

## Day of Pentecost – Part 3

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### Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup> They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

<sup>43</sup> Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. <sup>46</sup> DAY BY DAY continuing with ONE MIND in the TEMPLE, and breaking bread from HOUSE to HOUSE, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the LORD was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

### The Day of Pentecost – PART 3 – The New Covenant Community in Christ (the Messiah):

1. **Miraculous Community of Faith – God Performing Miracles through the Apostles**  
Acts 2:43 (compare Acts 4:33; Acts 5:12-16; Galatians 3:1-5; Hebrews 2:1-4; John 14:12)
2. **COMMUNITY (Biblical, Gospel Community of Faith) - NOT Communism - Acts 2:44-45**  
Key → “as anyone had need ...” They were being consistent with how Jesus wants us to view our Possessions (Luke 14:33). Our Possessions should be **dedicated** to **God's Kingdom Purposes**, not just for our own self-centered “needs” (Philip. 2:3-4; Luke 12:15; Rom. 12:9-13; Gal. 6:9-10; Heb. 13:1-3,16)
3. **God was doing the Adding/Multiplying – Acts 2:47 - We must Proclaim God's Holy Word ... and when folks come to Christ, there **MUST BE** a **Loving Community of Faith** to welcome them into. Both are necessary for the numeric growth of the local church family. (see John 13:34-35).**
4. **Consistent Pattern (Acts 2:46) Gathering Publicly and from House to House - Two Wings**  
(this pattern is consistent for the rest of the book of Acts → see Acts 5:42; 20:20)  
This is a consistent pattern that God approves of & is backed up by **Doctrine** (see Hebrews 10:24-25)  
[ The Three P's → **Precepts, Principles, & Patterns**. The fourth P – is God's **Promises** to us ]
  - a. **Gathering Together PUBLICLY – Holy Convocation – (One Wing)**  
Their First Public Gathering was at the Temple, at Solomon's Porch (Acts 3:11)  
The Temple was used for **Large Group Gatherings**:
    - i. **A Place to Experience - The TRANSCENDENCE of God. The AWE of GOD.**  
A place to **Worship, Glorify, Praise, and Thank God** with other believers
    - ii. **A Place of LEARNING:** In the past, a place in which the Levites would teach the people God's Word. The Apostles taught there, as well (Acts 3:11)
    - iii. It was **NOT** a place of close interpersonal relational interactions, but the focus was on God and His Word.
  - b. **Gathering together from HOUSE to HOUSE (the Other Wing)**
    - i. **Breaking Bread, Eating their Meals, together with Gladness (Acts 2:46)**
    - ii. **Home is where we grew up with Family ... SMALLER GROUPINGS**  
Interpersonal, relational closeness – Doing → **The One Anothers**  
It is a setting in which it is much more Casual, and more Relational.

James 5:16 – What is the best setting for this?

In a Large Public Gathering, or in a Home Gathering (e.g.: LIFE Group)?

## **The Biblical “One Others”:**

“Be at peace with each other.” ... Mark 9:50

“**Love one another.**” ... John 13:3; 13:34-35; 15:12,17; Romans 13:8; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 3:11,23; 4:7,11

We are “members one of another” ... Romans 12:5

“**Be devoted to one another.**” ... Romans 12:10

“**Honor one another above yourselves.**” ... Romans 12:10

“**Be of the same mind toward one another...**” Romans 12:16

“Stop passing judgment on one another.” ... Romans 14:13

“**Accept one another.**” ... Romans 15:7

“Instruct one another.” ... Romans 15:14

“Greet one another.” ... Romans 16:16; 1 Cor. 16:20, 2 Cor. 13:12, 1 Peter 5:14

“**Serve one another in love.**” ... Galatians 5:13

Do not provoke one another or envy one another ... Gal. 5:26

“**Carry each other’s burdens.**” ... Galatians 6:2

“Be patient, bearing with one another in love.” ... Ephesians 4:2; Col. 3:13

**Speak the Truth in love to one another.** ... Ephesians 4:15

Support one another and work together with one another → Ephesians 4:16  
(according to the proper working of each part... as each “joint” supplies) ...

“Be kind and compassionate to one another.” ... Ephesians 4:32

“**Forgive each other.**” ... Ephesians 4:32

“Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.” ... Ephesians 5:19

“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” ... Ephesians 5:21

“**In humility consider others better than yourselves.**” ... Philippians 2:3

“Teach and admonish one another with all wisdom.” ... Colossians 3:16

“**Encourage/Comfort one another.**” ... 1 Thessalonians 4:18

“**Build each other up.**” ... 1 Thessalonians 5:11

“**Exhort one another ...**” Hebrews 3:13; 10:25

“**Spur one another on toward love and good deeds.**” ... Hebrews 10:24

“Share with others.” ... Hebrews 13:16

“Do not slander one another.” ... James 4:11

“Don’t grumble against each other.” ... James 5:9

“**Confess your sins to each other.**” ... James 5:16

“**Pray for each other.**” ... James 5:16

“Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another.” ... 1 Peter 5:5