

Welcome to the Worship Celebration of



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Church – The Beginnings, Part 7

The Day of Pentecost – Acts 2 - Part 3



Acts 2:42-47

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

43 Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. 44 And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; 45 and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. 46 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, 47 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.

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).

“So therefore whoever of you who doesn’t RENOUNCE all that he has, he can’t be my disciple.” Luke 13:33 (WEB)

And Jesus said to them, “Watch out! Guard yourselves against every form of greed, for a person’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” Luke 12:15 (Berean Study Bible)

3. GOD was doing the Adding/Multiplying - through the Proclamation of the Gospel and The Proclamation of the Wonderful Works of God - AND - the Community of Faith Atmosphere of the local church family. Both are needed. We must have the Proclamation of God's Holy Word ... AND when folks come to Christ, there MUST BE a Loving Community of Faith to welcome them into. Both are needed. (see John 13:34-35).

**... those who wait on the LORD
Shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with WINGS like EAGLES ... Isaiah 40:31**

**The Early, Infant, Apostolic Church Soared Like Eagles ...
She had TWO WINGS to Soar with ...**

Not like the a Chicken that has its wing clipped ...



4. Consistent Pattern (Acts 2:46)

Gathering Publicly and from House to House - Two Wings

a. **Gathering Together PUBLICLY – Holy Convocation – (One Wing)**

Their First Public Gathering was at the Temple - Solomon's Porch

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 – Worship God.**

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b. Gathering together from HOUSE to HOUSE (the Other Wing)

i. Breaking Bread, Eating their Meals, together with Gladness

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)?



James 5:16:

Therefore, confess your sins to ONE ANOTHER, and pray for ONE ANOTHER so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

So, what's the BEST setting for this?

In a Large Public Gathering,

OR in a Home Gathering (e.g.: LIFE Group)?

WHY?



They met Publicly (at the Temple) and from House to House
The Love of Jesus in our Hearts and in our Relationships →
Biblical Community – The Atmosphere of Heaven

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and breaking bread from HOUSE to HOUSE, they were
taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of
heart, ⁴⁷ 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. Acts 2:46-47

**Let's Worship God ... Because of Who He is,
For What He has done, and What He is Yet
to do → He is the GREAT GOD, ALMIGHTY
WHO HAS ALL CONTROL OVER THE
WHOLE UNIVERSE and TIME...**

**ALL POWERFUL ALMIGHTY GOD
The GOD of ISRAEL**

