

Acts 2:41-47

INTRODUCTION: The history of the 1st church – 2:41

- They had no “*traditions*”, but PRINCIPLES for a church:

1.- THEY WERE A WORSHIPPING CHURCH – 2:42

- They were hungry for worship and the Word – John 4:23-24

WORSHIP ... involves several things:

1 “*doctrine*” – 2 Timothy 2:15, 2 Timothy 3:16-17

- God’s Word helps us understand God.

- WORSHIP was a day-to-day reality – Matthew 15:8-9.

1 “*fellowship*” – 1 John 1:3 – Becoming a participant, not just a spectator.

2 “*breaking of bread*” – They were reminded of Christ’s death.

3 “*prayers*” – James 5:16b, 4:2b – There is power in God, through prayer.

- A “*power failure*” usually means a “*prayer failure*” –
Acts 4:31

- 2:43 – “*fear*” is also translated “*awe*”.

- Your view of God will determine how you live – Psalm 34:3

- Your blessings are in proportion to how you “*magnify*” God.

2.- THEY WERE A LOVING CHURCH – 2:44-46

- Matthew 22:36-40 describes a loving church.

- 2:44 – “*fellowship*” means ‘*sharing*’.

- 2:45 – Shows us how they shared – Psalm 24:1

1 They Voluntary Shared Their Possessions – 4:32

2 They Shared Their Worship – 2:46 – “*Fellowship Ministry*”.

2 They Shared Their Meals, Homes – 2:46 - Genesis 2:18,

3 Psalm 122:1

3.- THEY WERE AN EVANGELISTIC CHURCH – 2:47

- Their joy over-flowed into their daily life.

- Their “*program*” was “*Lifestyle Evangelism*” ... seeing something in you that they don’t have, that they want.

CONCLUSION: Mt. 28:19-20 isn’t the “*Great omission*”.

- “*Go ye therefore ...*” means “*As you are going ...*”

- Evangelism and the Christian life are a “*life-style*”.

- Let’s be “*Contagious Christians*”!