

The Extraordinary Church **A Spirit-Filled Church**

I. Introduction

- A. Acts 2:42 (NAS) *They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*
- B. Judges 17:6 (NAS) *In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes.*
- C. The content of the Apostles' Teaching is Jesus!
- D. Acts 2:22-24 (NAS) ²²*"Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—²³this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. ²⁴But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power."*
- E. Acts 2:32-33 (NAS) ³²*"This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. ³³Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear."*
- F. Acts 2:36 (NAS) *"Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified."*
- G. I Corinthians 12:3 (NAS) *Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.*
- H. "The moment I awoke, 'Jesus my Master' was in my heart and in my mouth." (John Wesley)
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 - 1. The early church wasn't just devoted to truth! They were also devoted to love!
- J. "Fellowship" ("koinonia") involves sharing!
- K. Acts 2:44-46 (NAS) 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. ⁴⁶Day 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.*

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- N. *“The praying of Christ was real. Prayer pressed upon Jesus as a solemn all-imperative, all-commanding duty, as well as a royal privilege. Prayer was the secret of His power, the law of His life, the inspiration of His toil, the source of His wealth, His joy and His communion and strength. To Christ Jesus, prayer occupied no secondary place, but was exacting and paramount, a necessity, a light, the satisfying of a restless yearning, and a preparation for heavy responsibility.” (E.M. Bounds)*
- O. Acts 2:43 (NAS) *Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.*
- P. Acts 2:47 (NAS) *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.*

II. Conclusion