

**John 13:35** By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another

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### III. THE P\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE CHURCH

#### A. F\_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 2:47a** Praising God, and having favor with all the people..

**QUOTE:** "Show me a church where there is love, and I will show you a church that is a power in the community. If only we could make the world believe that we loved them, there would be fewer empty churches, and a smaller proportion of our population who never darken a church door. Let love replace duty in our church relations, and the world will soon be evangelized."

- **DWIGHT L. MOODY**

**Luke 2:52** And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

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#### B. F\_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 2:47b** And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

**I Corinthians 3:6** I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

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### CONCLUSION

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## THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

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### ACTS CHAPTER 2, VERSES 41-47

*Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.*

### INTRODUCTION

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**Acts 20:28** Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

**Matthew 16:18** And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

**Colossians 1:18** And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

**MEANING:** Church (Gr. ekklesia) - a called out assembly

## I. THE P\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE CHURCH

**Acts 2:41** Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

**QUOTE:** *"Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car."* - **BILLY SUNDAY**

**Ephesians 2:18-19** For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

**John 1:12** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

**MEANING:** Believe (Gr. pisteuo) - *to have faith in; to trust in*

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**QUOTE:** *"One hundred religious persons knit into a unity by careful organization do not constitute a church any more than eleven dead men make a football team. The first requisite is life, always."*

- **A.W. TOZER**

**Acts 2:47** Praising God, and having favor with all people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

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## II. THE P\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE CHURCH

### A. CONTINUING IN D\_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 2:42a** And they continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine...

**MEANING:** Doctrine - *teaching, instruction*

**I Timothy 4:13** Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

**II Timothy 4:2** Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

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### B. COMMITTED IN F\_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 2:42b** ...and fellowship, and in breaking of bread...

**DEFINITION:** Fellowship (Gr. koinonia) - *partnership or sharing*

**Hebrews 10:24-25** And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

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### C. COMMITTED TO P\_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 2:42d** ...and in 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 brethren.

**Acts 4:31** And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

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### D. CARING FOR O\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 2:43-46** And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,