

The Start of Something New

FBC State of the Union 2017: What's the Holy Spirit Doing in the Church? Acts 2:42-47

Introduction:

Matthew 16:18 I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

#1 A _____ Church

41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

Matthew 10:32 Everyone therefore who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

#2 A TEACHING/Studying Church

42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching

*1 Peter 2:2 like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation
Titus 1:9 holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.*

#3 A _____ Church

42 and to fellowship

#4 A Christ CENTERED Church

42 to the breaking of bread

#5 A _____ Church

42 and to prayer.

#6 A Church where God's WORK was seen

*43 Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe;
and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.*

#7 A _____ Church

*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*

#8 A Joyful, GENUINE, heart-driven Church

46 with gladness and sincerity of heart

#9 A _____ Church

47 praising God

*Luke 19:37 And as He was now approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples **began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice** for all the miracles which they had seen, Acts 3:8 And with a leap, he stood upright and began to walk; and he entered the temple with them, **walking and leaping and praising God.** Revelation 19:5 And a voice came from the throne, saying, "**Give praise to our God, all you His bond-servants, you who fear Him, the small and the great.**" 6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude and as the sound of **many waters** and as the sound of mighty **peals of thunder**, saying, "**Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.** 7 "Let us **rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.**"*

#10 An ATTRACTIVE community of people

*47 and having favor with all the people.
And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

POINTED CONCLUDING QUESTIONS:

- 1 - Is God the Holy Spirit living in and through you?
- 2 - Have you responded to the _____ message? If not, turn from sin and depend on Christ.
- 3 - Have you been obedient to the first command for the Christian to be baptized by immersion before the church?
- 4 - Are you committed to *the Word of God alone* as the way people are saved and Christians are matured?
- 5 - Is your commitment to the local church moving closer to or farther from the blueprint scripture?
- 6 - Are you interconnected in ministry and fellowship to people of this body?
- 7 - Are you committed to our future as a church family?
- 8 - Is your commitment to our future demonstrated with sacrificial *time and money*?
- 9 - Are you loving Christ with the people of God?
- 10 - Are you seeking to make Christ _____ and His Word heard to all who will listen?