

A Simple New Testament Church

Acts 2:1-47

Theme: Seven simple but essential traits of a biblical church

The Introduction:

1. Luke gives descriptive principles that should describe a church.
 2. These principles are effective for any church at any time in history.
- I. There was proper leadership to guide the church, 2:14, 37, 40; 6:1-7.
 - A. Peter 2:14; Stephen 6:8; Philip 8:5-40; Paul 9:1-31; Ananias 9:10; Barnabas 11:19; James 15:1-29; Silas 15:40; Timothy 16:1-5, etc.
 - B. They were to teach, preach and baptize converts, 2:38, 41; 8:12.
 - II. There was regular proclamation of doctrinal truth, 2:14-42; 5:42.
 - III. There was a biblically based fellowship, 2:42.
 - A. The word fellowship follows doctrine, John 17:17, 21.
 - B. “Fellowship” means “common basis for participation.”
 - IV. There was the observance of the two ordinances, 2:38-42.
 - A. Salvation led to baptism and was followed by membership.
 - B. “Breaking of Bread” was observing the Lord’s Table.
 - V. They were given to corporate prayer as they gathered, 2:42.
Acts 4:31; 6:6; 12:5.
 - VI. There were vital experiences with one another, 2:42-47.
 - A. It states that they continued daily with one another.
 - B. They met the needs of one another, 2:45; 4:32-34.
 - VII. There was a vital passion for witnessing, 2:43, 47; 4:4, 31.
 - A. Their testimony collectively as a church had a godly effect.
 - B. Their individual witness was effective, 2:47. “daily”