

Joy in the house

Ac 2: 41-3:10 Then they that **gladly received his word** were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

42 And they continued **steadfastly** in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44 **And all that believed were together**, and had all things common;

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

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They had fast expansion-3000 souls

Attitude – steadfastly- to give constant attention to a thing
1-the apostles' doctrine -the things taught, precept doctrines

Matt 28: 19-20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:** and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Paul

2Tim 3: 14-17 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Peter

2Pete 3:1,2 & 17-18 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. 18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

John

1Jhn 4: 6-8 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. 7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

2-Fellowship-Koinonia-partnership can refer to the sort of harmony created by the shared purpose. And working together and sharing with others this at times can be a sacrificial sharing

1 Jhn 1:3,6-7 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

3-Breaking of bread- The Lord's supper communion

4-prayers-prayer proved to be not only a prelude to Pentecost but a continuing part of the community life.

Rom 1: ⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

¹⁰ Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.

They lived in the sense of awe of God. Because of their understanding that God was with them. Many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

This awe of God knew they were together and they shared with each one who had a need. This was the church that saw the need of others they did not pass the one on the road who was hurting. We will see this as we read chapter 3.

Do you ask God is there a need that you would want me to fulfill?

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Notice they moved in oneness. They went from house to house. with gladness and simplicity of heart,-not with gossip but with gladness their heart was not evil. They praised the Lord as they spoke to one another.

What came out of their mouth the praises of God. They had grace with all the people.

Commentary -makes an excellent point that we tend to miss in our culture where meals with friends don't take on quite the significance they did in the Orient - In the ancient Near East eating together reflected a common commitment to one another and deep fellowship. A meal shared together was both a mark and a seal of friendship.....In Judaism too eating some of the offerings of worship symbolized these things, especially the peace offering.

With gladness and sincerity of heart - CSB = "with a joyful and humble attitude." NIV = "with glad and sincere hearts." NRSV = "with glad and generous hearts."

How did the Lord bless them by adding to the church such as should be saved.

The awe of God overflowed into the streets they met in the houses other houses were affected by the awe of God.

Matt 13 ⁴⁷ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

⁴⁸ Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

⁴⁹ So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

⁵⁰ And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

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Matthew 10:16-18 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

17 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;

18 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

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What is the greatest we could give?

Ps 100: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

2 **Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.** 3 Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

5 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Beautiful Gate:

the name of one of the gates of the temple ([Act 3:2](#)). It is supposed to have been the door which led from the court of the Gentiles to the court of the women. It was of massive structure, and covered with plates of Corinthian brass

John 15: 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

