

Foundations: Christian Living

RECAP: Acts 2:16-47

3 Parts to the whole Gospel

- 1. Revelation - Who He is / what He did**
- 2. Response - What we do**
- 3. Result - What we get**

Revelation:

1. Son of God, Lord, Messiah
2. Died/Crucified
3. Raised / Resurrected
4. Exalted / Glorified
5. Poured out the Spirit

Response:

1. Convicted
2. Confession
3. Repent
4. Baptized
5. Believe
6. Devoted to a church

Result:

1. Forgiven
2. New Life / Holy Spirit
3. Family of Faith
4. New Mission

The good news of Salvation is...

**By grace alone,
through faith alone,
in Christ alone.**

Free from works, abounding in Love.

**Faith is an inward change that will
always manifest in outward action.**

Always be on mission.

(Respond and Result)

The “What Now” or “How” Questions:

How do I live as a Christian?

How do I grow into Christlikeness?

Running start into **Acts 2:42**..

The Gospel must be **first (1 Cor.2:2)**

central (1 Cor.15:3-4)

in everything we do (Col.2:6),

because it is essential in Identity,

understanding worth and purpose in

who we are (Col.1:16)

Discipleship is “the greatest opportunity individual human beings have in life and the only hope corporate mankind has of solving its insurmountable problems” - Willard

Acts 2 (2:42)

Continued Steadfastly = Daily Disciples

Apostles Doctrine = Bible Study and Learning

Fellowship = Real Sharing of Lives

Breaking of Bread = Communal / Communion

Prayers = Individual and Corporate

Changed hearts and shared lives

Activities Acts 2

1. Evangelism
2. Water Baptism
3. Teaching the Word
4. Fellowship/Community
5. Communion
6. Prayers
7. Baptism of the Holy Spirit
8. Corporate praise/worship

Disciple =

apprentice/follower/learner

μαθητής (G3101) (mathēteuō)

- intransitively, to become a pupil;

transitively, to disciple, i.e. enrol as scholar:

—be disciple, instruct, teach.

(See **Mat 28:19**)

Christian Living Concepts:

1. Disciples (apprentice/follower/learner)

A. Corporate - Church - Institution -

B. Personal - Jesus' Spiritual Practices -

Disciplines - Individual Habits of

Godly Living (2 Tim. 2:2, 3:10-11)

Wilkins Model of a Disciples-

“A disciple of Jesus is one who has come to Jesus for eternal life, has claimed Jesus as Savior and God, and has embarked upon the life of following Jesus.

Disciples-

Know: Cognitive traits, learn, study

Feel: Affective traits, fruits, character

Do: Behavioral traits, practices, activities

(2 Tim.2:2, 3:10-11)

The Golden Triangle of Spiritual Growth

The Action of the Holy Spirit

JOHN 3:5 · ROM 8:10-13 · GAL 5:22-26

**Centered in the
Mind of Christ**

PHIL 2:12-15 · ROM 13:14

**Ordinary Events of Life
("Temptations")**

JAMES 1:2-4 · ROM 6:1-15

**Planned Discipline to
Put on a New Heart**

COL 3:12-17 · 2 PET 1:5-10



Disciple is the primary term used in the Gospels to refer to Jesus' followers and is a common referent for those known in the early church as believers, Christians,

brothers/sisters, those of the Way, or saints, although each term focuses upon different aspects of the individual's relationship with Jesus and others of the faith. The term was used most frequently in this specific sense.”

-Wilkins, Following the Master.

Disciples-

Come together in community...

Eph. 4:11-16

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...sharing is caring,

teach what you learn,

share life, not just information...

Church = (see Acts 2)

ἐκκλησία (ekklēsia) = Called Out Ones

- a gathering of people called out from their homes into some public place, an assembly. (See **Mat 16:18**, **1st Cor 1:2**, etc.)

ἐπισυναγωγή (episynagōgē) = Assembly

- a Christian meeting (for worship), a gathering together in one place, to come to the side of. (**Heb 10:25**)

Attitude and Approach: A Motto

-Mark 12:30-31 NKJV

'And you shall love the **LORD** your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.

Attitude and Approach: A Motto

-Mark 12:30-31 NKJV

"And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Life on Mission:

Matthew 28:18-20 CEB

18 Jesus came near and spoke to them, “I’ve received all authority in heaven and on earth.

Life on Mission:

Matthew 28:18-20 CEB

19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, -

Life on Mission:

Matthew 28:18-20 CEB

20 teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age.”

Life on Mission:

Acts 1:8 NKJV

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

As His disciples, who make disciples...

hear and do - **Matt 7:24–25**

Train up others - **Matt 28:20**

1. Set Free

2. Set Apart

3. Set Together

4. *Sent* on Mission

- 1. A humbly submitted heart**
- 2. A personal daily time with the Lord
(word & prayer)**
- 3. A small group/Bible study/discipleship**
- 4. A way to serve...**

More on worship, giving, serving and
the spiritual practices and habits of Jesus
for abundant godly living

Next week(s?)....

Motto: Love God Love Others ([Mark 12:30-31](#))

Mission Statement:

1. To be a community of believers that brings people into an interactive-love-based relationship with Jesus
2. To grow Christians into maturity
3. To reach out locally and around the world

Vision Statement:

- 1. To give every person of our community an opportunity to know and walk with Jesus**
- 2. To see every person in the church engaged in ministry or life groups**
- 3. To see people raised up and sent out on a regular basis**

Core Values

- Humility, Holiness, and Heart ([John 13](#))
- Love is our motivation
- Christlikeness is our goal
- The Gospel at the core of everything...

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