

Love and Good Deeds Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:24-25

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Introduction:

Today, we are continuing our current sermon series, Christianity 101.

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10).

We are saved from something, for something, but also, into something – namely, the Family of God/the Church.

The Church may appear to be suffering, but Jesus said it would not fail (rf. Matthew 16). Nevertheless, the scriptures tell us we should not give up on the church, not in how we speak about it, nor in how we participate (rf. Hebrews 10:24-25).

Truth:

What did "love and good deeds" look like in the early days of the Church? Our passage today will give us a glimpse into it. Look with me at Acts 2:42-47.

Application & Conclusion:

Certainly, this is no exhaustive list of all that a church could/should be and do. That said, we can see that these people found favor in their community and, more importantly, with God.

The greatest church growth strategy is simply to be a faithful church, devoted to the right things. God Himself will bring the growth. All we need to focus on is love and good deeds, just as the scripture tells us.

Love God, His Word, each other, and your neighbors.

Do good deeds through generosity, hospitality, sharing your lives along with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Reflection Questions:

1. What does this teach me about God?

2. What does this teach me about me?

3. How do I apply this to my life?