

ACTS - FROM RESURRECTION TO REVELATION

Lesson 7

Review: *The Formation of the First Church started with the...*

- 1) Foundation of Salvation - thru repentance towards sin and faith in Christ
- 2) Framework of Function - thru doctrine, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayers

I. Continuing Steadfastly In The Framework Will Furnish The Following -Acts 2:43-47

A) A corporate sense of FEARFULNESS - vs. 43a
fear - *phobos* - to be in alarm; fright

- 1) Fear of bringing sin into the church - *Acts 5:1-11*
- 2) Fear of reproaching the work of God
- 3) Fear of forfeiting the power of God - *Joshua 7 (Achan)*

B) A corporate sense of FASCINATION - vs. 43b

- 1) Fascination with the miraculous - changed circumstances
- 2) Fascination with the marvelous - changed characters
- 3) Fascination with the mysterious - changed comprehension

C) A corporate sense of FOCUS - vs. 44

- 1) A sense of shared identity - *1 Peter 2:9-10*
- 2) A sense of shared responsibility
- 3) A sense of shared destiny

D) A corporate sense of FAVOR - vs. 45

- 1) God's grace of gratefulness - *II Cor. 8:1-6*
- 2) God's grace of generosity
- 3) God's grace of giving

E) A corporate sense of FAITHFULNESS - vs. 46a

- 1) Sought every opportunity to assemble - *Heb. 10:25*
- 2) Sought every opportunity to worship
- 3) Sought every opportunity to witness

F) A corporate sense of FULFILLMENT - vs. 46b

- 1) Content with God's provisions - *I Tim. 6:6-11*
- 2) Content with God's purposes
- 3) Content with God's presence

G) A corporate sense of FERVOR - vs. 47a

- 1) Our praise exalts our God
- 2) Our praise encourages the saints
- 3) Our praise entices the lost

H) A corporate sense of FRUITFULNESS - vs. 47b

- 1) Some planted - *I Cor. 3:5-8*
- 2) Some watered
- 3) But God gave the increase