

# ACTS - FROM RESURRECTION TO REVELATION

## Lesson 6

Review: The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ has undergone many changes in its 2000 year history; some of which were not profitable to the Kingdom of God. It is instructive to examine just what is really essential and what is the evidence.

### Finding The Framework Of The First Church "And" What Should Follow

#### I. The Foundation Of Any True Church Is Genuine Salvation - Acts 2:37-41

- A) They REPENTED and received REMISSION - vs. 37-38  
*Salvation baptizes us into the death and resurrection of Christ - Rom. 6:3-4*
- B) They CONFESSED genuine faith by BAPTISM - vs. 41  
*Water baptism identifies us publicly as one who will follow Christ - I Pet. 3:21*

#### II. The Framework For The Functioning Of This New Life - Acts 2:42-47

*"And they continued steadfastly..."*

##### A) ... In the apostles' doctrine - The Framing of this Life SCRIPTURALLY

- 1) Doctrine defines what is true
- 2) Doctrine defines what is the true response to what is true
- 3) Doctrine defines what is the true results to a true response to what is true

*But is it really that important?*

- a) It is the first purpose of God's Word - II Tim. 3:16
- b) It is the first priority of God's man - I Tim. 4:12-16
- c) It is the first protection of God's people - II Tim. 4:1-4

##### B) ...and fellowship - The Framing of this Life SOCIALLY

- 1) Fellowship is natural to those that share a common Light - I John 1:3-7
- 2) Fellowship is natural to those who share a common Life - I John 3:14-16
- 3) Fellowship is natural to those who share a common Love - I John 4:19-21

##### C) ...and in breaking of bread - The Framing of this Life SACREDLY

- 1) The sacredness of the past by remembering His death for our sin - I Cor. 11:23-32
- 2) The sacredness of the present by examining our life for known sin
- 3) The sacredness of the future by anticipating our lives together free from sin

##### D) ...and in prayers - The Framing of this Life SPIRITUALLY

- 1) In Jesus, we have a personal High Priest to hear our prayer of confession
- 2) In Jesus, we have a personal High Priest to hear our prayer of petition
- 3) In Jesus, we have a personal High Priest to hear our prayer of adoration