

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