

PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

Hopelessly Devoted

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2 Corinthians 3:17 Freedom

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and
where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 4:16 Renew

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

Quote

When we were dating I used to hold my wife's hand to get that feeling of excitement. After many years of excitement I now hold her hand to feel secure. - older man

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

Acts 2:42-47

⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Definition

Devoted- very loving or loyal.

Definition

Devotion- committed to a purpose.

Religious zeal or willingness to
serve God.

Definition

Hopelessly- in a way that shows despair. Situation is beyond hope of improvement or it's irredeemable.

Definition

Hopelessly devoted- loving and loyal, willing to serve the Lord in a way that is irredeemable... can't go back.

Acts 2:42 NIV

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:42 KJV

And they continued stedfastly in
the apostles' doctrine and
fellowship, and in breaking of
bread, and in prayers.

Definition

Steadfastly- in a resolute or
unwavering manner.

1 Corinthians 15:4-8

That he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

Acts 2:1-4 KJV

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.³ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Four functions of the early church:

- ◆ 1- Devoted to Apostles teaching
- ◆ Exegesis- drawing out the meaning of the text.
- ◆ Eisegesis- imposing our own interpretation onto and into the text.

Four functions of the early church:

- ◆ 2- Devoted to fellowship
- ◆ Koinonia (Greek)- communion, shared participation.
- ◆ Acts 2:44-All the believers were together and had everything in common.
- ◆ Acts 5:3-5 Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? ⁴ Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God.”⁵ When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened.

Four functions of the early church:

- ◆ 3 Devoted to the breaking of bread (communion)
- ◆ Acts 2:46- Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,

Four Functions of the early church

◆4- Devoted to prayer

◆Quote- The greatest tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer. - FBM

◆Romans 12:2-² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Truth

Christian service, if not based
on prayer, becomes a
demonstration of what WE
can accomplish. - PD

Truth

You can do more than pray, after
you have prayed, but you can
never do more than pray until you
have prayed. - JB

Acts 2:43

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at the many wonders and signs
performed by the apostles.

Acts 2:47

...praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Matthew 6:33 KJV

But seek ye first the kingdom
of God, and his righteousness;
and all these things shall be
added unto you.

Where am I at?

◆ Teaching

◆ Fellowship

◆ Communion

◆ Prayer

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.