

WHEN CHRIST BUILDS A CHURCH – ACTS 2:41-47

1 THE PROPER CONTENT

ACTS 2:41-42

⁴¹Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. ⁴²And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." (Ac.2:41-42)

- A** They Were a Redeemed Church — v.41 “those who received his word... three thousand souls” — Ac.2:41
- B** They Were a Spirit-filled Church — v.38  “you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” — Ac.2:38
- C** They Were a Teaching Church — v.42 “they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine” — Ac.2:42
- D** They Were a Fellowshiping Church — v.42 “they continued in fellowship...breaking of bread” — Ac.2:42
- E** They Were a Praying Church — v.42   “they continued steadfastly in prayers” — Ac.2:42

2 THE PROPER CHARACTER

ACTS 2:43-45

⁴³Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ⁴⁵and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.” (Ac.2:43-45)

- A** It Was an Awesome Church — v.43 “fear [awe] came upon every soul” — Ac.2:43
- B** It Was a Powerful Church — v.43 “many wonders and signs were done through the apostles” — Ac.2:43
- C** It Was a Unified Church — v.44-46  “all who believed were together” — Ac.2:44

3 THE PROPER COROLLARY

ACTS 2:46-47

⁴⁶So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.” (Ac.2:46-47)

- A** They Had Gladness — v.46 “they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart” — Ac.2:46
- B** They Praised God — v.47 “praising God” — Ac.2:47
- C** They Were an Attractive Church — v.47  “having favor with all the people” — Ac.2:47