

Characteristics of the Early Church

Acts 2

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV/LIT GK) **Biblical Fellowship**

1. They devoted themselves [continued steadfastly] to the Apostles' teaching and to [in] the fellowship¹ (v42a)
2. They devoted themselves to the breaking of bread and prayer [the prayers] (v42b)
3. Every person was filled with awe [fear] (v43a)
4. Many wonders and miraculous signs were done by [through] the Apostles (v43b)
5. Believers were together and had all things in common (v44)
6. They sold their properties and possessions and gave to anyone who had need (v45)
7. They met together every day [steadfastly with one mind] in the temple courts (v46a)
8. They broke bread together in their homes [from house to house] and ate together [shared food] with glad and sincere hearts (v46b)
9. They praised God and enjoyed the favor of all of the people (v47a)
10. God added to their fellowship daily those [the ones] who were being saved (v47b)

Key Words/Notes:

¹Fellowship: The Scripture passage above in and of itself describes biblical fellowship. Other words would include “one another,” or same mind; to stimulate one another to holiness and faithfulness; to love one another. The Results of this kind of fellowship is glory to God. Biblical fellowship is always hindered by sin. Additionally, Hebrews 10:24-25 instructs us not to forsake biblical fellowship. “Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another –and all the more as you see the Day [of the Lord’s return] approaching.”