

THE LIVING CHURCH

“A Loving Church”

Acts 2:42-44

Main Point: A living church is one that fellowships together..

Introduction

- The word fellowship (koinonia) means “jointly participating, or sharing in common.” Share about some times when you were involved in fellowship.
- According to John 13:35, how will the world know that we are disciples of Jesus?

Read Acts 2:42-47

Understanding

1. We share a common salvation. Read Jude 3.

- a. What does Jude mean by the phrase “common salvation?”
- b. What are three things that we learn about salvation from Ephesians 2:8?
- c. Read 1 John 1:3. How do we fellowship with the Father and His Son?
- d. What conditions are found in 1 John 3:14-15 to show that we are saved?

2. We share a common sanctification. Read 1 Peter 1:14-16.

Sanctification has two parts. First when we are saved, we are declared righteous because of Christ's work on the cross. This is our position in Christ. Then we begin the life long process of being made righteous. This is practical holiness.

- a. Read 1 Peter 1:14-16. How does this help us understand what the life of a sanctified person looks like?

- b. God's goal is to make us holy. What are some things that God uses to help make us holy?
 - i. John 14:16

 - ii. John 17:17

 - iii. James 1:5

- c. Has God ever used another believer to help you grow? Explain.

3. We share a common heart for service. Read Romans 12:4-5 4.

- a. How does Paul describe the functioning of the body of Christ in Romans 12:4-5?

- b. Review Acts 2:42 -47 and note all of the elements of fellowship.

- c. What were early Christians demonstrating by selling their possessions?

viii. Romans 14:19

Application

What challenge does Hebrews 10:24-25 have for us?