

## **They Continued Steadfastly in the Apostles' Teaching (Acts 2:42)**

- God established the church: time & history on the foundation of Jesus Christ
- Four things are key regarding His keeping, reforming & reviving the church:
  - 1) The Lord alone is the builder of the Church.
  - 2) The Church is the outworking of God's eternal plan.
  - 3) The Church is the most precious reality- for her Jesus bled and died.
  - 4) The Church is God's redeemed community & heaven's expression on earth.
- The simple characteristics of the New Covenant church after Pentecost are:
  1. **APOSTLES' TEACHING**
  2. **FELLOWSHIP**
  3. **THE BREAKING OF BREAD**
  4. **PRAYER**

### **I. They Devoted Themselves to the Apostles' Teaching**

- The teaching of the apostles – lit. the *didache* of the apostles
- Jesus prayed for them to be sanctified by the truth through the Holy Spirit  
**(The Word: John 17:17, 19; the Spirit of truth John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13)**
- Peter later exhorts believers to eagerly desire the milk of the word (1 Pet 2:2)
- Truth's important: what truth did disciples continue in? Apostolic teaching !
- Acts 2: 17-36: Jesus of Nazareth: Christ, seed of David, Anointed One (2:31)
- Jesus is the Lord, raised from the dead exalted to God's right hand (2:33-36)

### **II. The Authority of the Apostles**

- Teaching of the New Testament given by the apostles but came from Jesus  
**1 Thess 4:1-2; foundation of the apostles and prophets: Eph 2:20; 2 Tim 3:16**

### **III. *Sola Scriptura* – The Living, Enduring Word of God.**

- True Christianity experience of Lord Jesus Christ based on the apostolic teachings. It is a matter of life or death (1 Tim 4:16)