

New Testament Church: Corporate Worship & Prayer (Acts 2:42)

- Context: 3000 when Peter preaches after the day of Pentecost
- Luke gives us an ideal picture of this new redeemed community
- They were rejoicing in the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Spirit
- Peter's teaching was authoritative: Jesus teaching through Holy Spirit
- Apostolic succession is recognized clearly in early church as Scripture

I. Worship and Prayer in the Early Church after Pentecost

- 3000 devoted to Apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking bread & prayer
- Shared all in common, cared for one another and worshipped together
- a. Devoted themselves to fellowship: *expresses what they shared together*
- fellowship in God Himself, our common share in the Triune God
- b. fellowship expresses *what they shared out together*: giving & receiving
- They had all things & shared all things in common as each had need
- The church grew: Lord added daily to their number those being saved

II. Practical Applications from the Text on Fellowship and Prayer

- 1) We can learn much about God from this one verse
 - a) God was growing His church
 - b) Growth happened when God was worshipped properly
- 2) We can learn something about ourselves in this passage
 - We cannot worship God unless we are indwelt by the Holy Spirit
 - It looks like this: devoting ourselves to the Apostles' teaching, to fellowship, the breaking of bread & the prayers.