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INTRODUCTION

THE WORDS OF OUR TEXT DEALS WITH THE EVENTS OF THE DAY OF PENTECOST.

ON THAT DAY THE CHURCH OF GOD WAS BORN.

THE MODERN CHURCH IS, IN MANY CASES, FAR REMOVED FROM WHAT THAT CHURCH WAS.

IN OUR DAY, THERE ARE MORE KINDS OF CHURCHES THAN YOU CAN COMPREHEND.

THEY RUN THE GAMUT FROM THOSE THAT HOLD TO THE FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES OF THE FAITH, TO EVERY KIND OF UNORTHODOX TEACHING YOU CAN IMAGINE, ALONG WITH SOME YOU CAN'T!

ILLUSTRATION

I AM INTERESTED IN BEING IN THE RIGHT KIND OF CHURCH.

I AM INTERESTED IN GOING TO A CHURCH THAT IS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE KIND OF CHURCH GOD FOUNDED 2,000 YEARS AGO.

TO UNDERSTAND WHAT KIND OF CHURCH THAT CHURCH WAS, WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE CHAPTER BEFORE US TODAY, BECAUSE IT REVEALS THE MARKS OF *THE CHURCH GOD FOUNDED*.

LET ME POINT OUT THOSE *MARKS* TODAY. SO THAT WE CAN SEE IF OUR CHURCH IS THE KIND OF CHURCH IT SHOULD BE.

I. THE CHURCH THAT GOD FOUND HAS THE RIGHT MESSAGE:

A. IT HAS THE RIGHT MESSAGE ABOUT THE SAVIOR.

- (1). [ACTS 2: 21-22] ²¹ ***“AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS, THAT WHOSOEVER SHALL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED.***

²²YE MEN OF ISRAEL, HEAR THESE WORDS; JESUS OF NAZARETH, A MAN APPROVED OF GOD AMONG YOU BY MIRACLES AND WONDERS AND SIGNS, WHICH GOD DID BY HIM IN THE MIDST OF YOU, AS YE YOURSELVES ALSO KNOW:”

- (2). THIS MESSAGE AFFIRMS THAT JESUS IS GOD IN THE FLESH,

- (a). [JOHN 1:1, 14] ¹ ***“IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD.***

¹⁴AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, AND DWELT AMONG US, (AND WE BEHELD HIS GLORY, THE GLORY AS OF THE ONLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER,) FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.”

- (3). IT AFFIRMS HIS CRUCIFIXION AND HIS RESURRECTIONS,

(a). [v. 23-32]. ***“THE CHURCH GOD FOUNDED PREACHES A MESSAGE THAT EXALTS JESUS, PROCLAIMS HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION AND POINTS LOST PEOPLE TO HIM ALONE!***

²³HIM, BEING DELIVERED BY THE DETERMINATE COUNSEL AND FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD, YE HAVE TAKEN, AND BY WICKED HANDS HAVE CRUCIFIED AND SLAIN:

³²THIS JESUS HATH GOD RAISED UP, WHEREOF WE ALL ARE WITNESSES.”

B. IT HAS THE RIGHT MESSAGE ABOUT SIN.

1. [V. 36]. – ³⁶ ***“THEREFORE LET ALL THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL KNOW ASSUREDLY, THAT GOD HATH MADE THE SAME JESUS, WHOM YE HAVE CRUCIFIED, BOTH LORD AND CHRIST”.***
2. THIS MESSAGE IS CRYSTAL CLEAR REGARDING SIN.
3. IT EXPOSES THE TERRIBLE NATURE OF SIN,
 - (a). [ROM. 6:23], ²³ ***“FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH; BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.”***
4. IT WARNS THE SINNER TO TURN HIS SINS,
 - (a). [V. 40], ⁴⁰ ***“AND WITH MANY OTHER WORDS DID HE TESTIFY AND EXHORT, SAYING, SAVE YOURSELVES FROM THIS UNTOWARD GENERATION.”***
5. IT IS A PLAIN MESSAGE THAT CONFRONTS SINNERS WHERE THEY LIVE,
 - (a). [V. 23, 26] ²⁶ ***“THEREFORE DID MY HEART REJOICE, AND MY TONGUE WAS GLAD; MOREOVER ALSO MY FLESH SHALL REST IN HOPE”:***
 - (a). [EPH. 2:8-9]. ⁸ ***“FOR BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH; AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD:***
 - ⁹***NOT OF WORKS, LEST ANY MAN SHOULD BOAST.”***

C. **IT HAD THE RIGHT MESSAGE ABOUT SALVATION .**

1. [V. 38-40] ³⁸ ***“THEN PETER SAID UNTO THEM, REPENT, AND BE BAPTIZED EVERY ONE OF YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE EMISSION OF SINS, AND YE SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST.***

³⁹***FOR THE PROMISE IS UNTO YOU, AND TO YOUR CHILDREN, AND TO ALL THAT ARE AFAR OFF, EVEN AS MANY AS THE LORD OUR GOD SHALL CALL.***

⁴⁰***AND WITH MANY OTHER WORDS DID HE TESTIFY AND EXHORT, SAYING, SAVE YOURSELVES FROM THIS UNTOWARD GENERATION.”***

2. **THIS CHURCH POINTS A LOST WORLD TO JESUS CHRIST AND TO HIM ALONE.**

3. **IT DOES NOT PREACH SALVATION THROUGH RELIGION OR RITUAL,**

(a) [EPH. 2:8-9] ⁸ ***“FOR BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH; AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD:***

⁹***NOT OF WORKS, LEST ANY MAN SHOULD BOAST.”***

4. **IT HOLDS JESUS UP AS THE FINAL AND ONLY SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF SIN,**

(a). [JOHN 14:6]; ⁶ ***“JESUS SAITH UNTO HIM, I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE: NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME.”***

(b). [ACTS 16:31]. ³¹ *“AND THEY SAID, BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THOU SHALT BE SAVED, AND THY HOUSE.”*

5. THEY PREACHED A TRANSCENDENT MESSAGE THAT SPOKE TO ALL SOCIAL CLASSES, ALL RACES AND ALL SINNERS,

(a). [5-12]; ⁵ *“AND THERE WERE DWELLING AT JERUSALEM JEWS, DEVOUT MEN, OUT OF EVERY NATION UNDER HEAVEN.*

⁶*NOW WHEN THIS WAS NOISED ABROAD, THE MULTITUDE CAME TOGETHER, AND WERE CONFUNDED, BECAUSE THAT EVERY MAN HEARD THEM SPEAK IN HIS OWN LANGUAGE.*

⁷*AND THEY WERE ALL AMAZED AND MARVELLED, SAYING ONE TO ANOTHER, BEHOLD, ARE NOT ALL THESE WHICH SPEAK GALILAEANS?*

⁸*AND HOW HEAR WE EVERY MAN IN OUR OWN TONGUE, WHEREIN WE WERE BORN?*

⁹*PARTHIANS, AND MEDES, AND ELAMITES, AND THE DWELLERS IN MESOPOTAMIA, AND IN JUDAEA, AND CAPPADOCIA, IN PONTUS, AND ASIA,*

¹⁰*PHRYGIA, AND PAMPHYLIA, IN EGYPT, AND IN THE PARTS OF LIBYA ABOUT CYRENE, AND STRANGERS OF ROME, JEWS AND PROSELYTES,*

¹¹*CRETES AND ARABIANS, WE DO HEAR THEM SPEAK IN OUR TONGUES THE WONDERFUL WORKS OF GOD.*

¹²*AND THEY WERE ALL AMAZED, AND WERE IN DOUBT, SAYING ONE TO ANOTHER, WHAT MEANETH THIS?”*

(b). [ACTS 1:8]. ⁸ *“BUT YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER, AFTER THAT THE HOLY GHOST IS COME UPON YOU: AND YE SHALL BE WITNESSES UNTO ME BOTH IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDAEA, AND IN SAMARIA, AND*

UNTO THE UTTERMOST PART OF THE EARTH.”

D. THEY HAD THE RIGHT MESSAGE ABOUT SOVEREIGNTY

1. [V. 39] ³⁹***FOR THE PROMISE IS UNTO YOU, AND TO YOUR CHILDREN, AND TO ALL THAT ARE AFAR OFF, EVEN AS MANY AS THE LORD OUR GOD SHALL CALL.***
2. **THIS MY BROTHERS AND MY SISTER, WE MUST UNDERSTANDS AND PROCLAIMS THAT GOD IS SOVEREIGN IN SALVATION.**
3. **HE SAVED WHOM HE WILL, WHEN HE WILL AND WHERE HE WILL.**
4. **GOD IS THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF SALVATION.**
5. **HE CHOOSES HIS ELECT,**

(a). [EPH. 1:4]. ⁴ACCORDING AS HE HATH CHOSEN US IN HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, THAT WE SHOULD BE HOLY AND WITHOUT BLAME BEFORE HIM IN LOVE:

6. **HE CALLS HIS ELECT,**

(b). [JOHN 6:44]. ⁴⁴NO MAN CAN COME TO ME, EXCEPT THE FATHER WHICH HATH SENT ME DRAW HIM: AND I WILL RAISE HIM UP AT THE LAST DAY.

7. **HE REDEEMS HIS ELECT,**

(a). [JOHN 6:37-40]. “³⁷ALL THAT THE FATHER GIVETH ME SHALL COME TO ME; AND HIM THAT COMETH TO ME I WILL IN NO WISE CAST OUT.

³⁸FOR I CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, NOT TO DO MINE OWN WILL, BUT THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME.

³⁹AND THIS IS THE FATHER'S WILL WHICH HATH SENT ME, THAT OF ALL WHICH HE HATH GIVEN ME I SHOULD LOSE NOTHING, BUT SHOULD RAISE IT UP AGAIN AT THE LAST DAY.

⁴⁰AND THIS IS THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME, THAT EVERY ONE WHICH SEETH THE SON, AND BELIEVETH ON HIM, MAY HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE: AND I WILL RAISE HIM UP AT THE LAST DAY.

8. SALVATION IS OF THE LORD”,

(a). [JONAH 2:9]. ⁹BUT I WILL SACRIFICE UNTO THEE WITH THE VOICE OF THANKSGIVING; I WILL PAY THAT THAT I HAVE VOWED. SALVATION IS OF THE LORD.

II. THE CHURCH THAT GOD FOUND HAS THE RIGHT MEMBERSHIP

A. IT HAS A SAVED MEMBERSHIP –

- 1. THIS CHURCH IS MADE UP OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD A “NEW BIRTH” EXPERIENCE WITH JESUS CHRIST,**
- 2. [JOHN 3:3, 7]. ³ JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO HIM, VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO THEE, EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.”**

ILLUSTRATION

THE TENDENCY IN THE MODERN CHURCH IS TO FILL IT UP WITH TARES AT WHATEVER THE COST.

SOME WILL SLIP IN. IT CAN'T BE HELPED! WE SHOULD STRIVE FOR A SAVED MEMBERSHIP ONLY!

B. IT HAD A SEPARATED MEMBERSHIP

1. [V. 43] ³⁹ ***“FOR THE PROMISE IS UNTO YOU, AND TO YOUR CHILDREN, AND TO ALL THAT ARE AFAR OFF, EVEN AS MANY AS THE LORD OUR GO SHALL CALL.”***
2. **THIS CHURCH WALKED IN “*THE APOSTLES’ DOCTRINE AND FELLOWSHIP*”.**
3. **THEY BROKE OFF TIES WITH THE OLD LIFE.**
4. **THEY CAME TO JESUS AND THEY WERE CHANGED,**

(a). [2 COR. 5:17]. ¹⁷*“THEREFORE IF ANY MAN BE IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATURE: OLD THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW.”*

5. **NO TRULY REDEEMED CHILD OF GOD WILL HAVE A PROBLEM WITH BIBLICAL STANDARDS OF SEPARATION AND HOLINESS,**

(a). [JOHN 14:15]. ¹⁵*“IF YE LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.”*

6. **HE WANTS HIS PEOPLE TO BE DIFFERENT,**

(a). [2 COR. 6:14-7:1].

¹⁴ ***“BE YE NOT UNEQUALLY YOKED TOGETHER WITH UNBELIEVERS: FOR WHAT FELLOWSHIP HATH RIGHTEOUSNESS WITH UNRIGHTEOUSNESS? AND WHAT COMMUNION HATH LIGHT WITH DARKNESS?***

¹⁵ ***AND WHAT CONCORD HATH CHRIST WITH BELIAL? OR WHAT PART HATH HE THAT BELIEVETH WITH AN INFIDEL?***

¹⁶AND WHAT AGREEMENT HATH THE TEMPLE OF GOD WITH IDOLS? FOR YE ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD; AS GOD HATH SAID, I WILL DWELL IN THEM, AND WALK IN THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

¹⁷WHEREFORE COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM, AND BE YE SEPARATE, SAITH THE LORD, AND TOUCH NOT THE UNCLEAN THING; AND I WILL RECEIVE YOU.

¹⁸AND WILL BE A FATHER UNTO YOU, AND YE SHALL BE MY SONS AND DAUGHTERS, SAITH THE LORD ALMIGHTY.”

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¹“HAVING THEREFORE THESE PROMISES, DEARLY BELOVED, LET US CLEANSE OURSELVES FROM ALL FILTHINESS OF THE FLESH AND SPIRIT, PERFECTING HOLINESS IN THE FEAR OF GOD.”

C. IT HAD A STEADFAST MEMBERSHIP

- 1. [V. 42] – ⁴² “AND THEY CONTINUED STEDFASTLY IN THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE AND FELLOWSHIP, AND IN BREAKING OF BREAD, AND IN PRAYERS.”**
- 2. THEY WERE FAITHFUL!**
- 3. THEY COULD BE COUNTED ON TO BE IN THEIR PLACE, DOING THEIR PART FOR THE COMMON GOOD AND FOR THE GLORY OF GOD!**
- 4. GOD EXPECTS HIS PEOPLE TO BE FAITHFUL,**

(a). [1 COR. 4:2]. ² “MOREOVER IT IS REQUIRED IN STEWARDS, THAT A MAN BE FOUND FAITHFUL.”

D. IT HAD A “SERVING” MEMBERSHIP

[V. 44-45] – ⁴⁴ “*AND ALL THAT BELIEVED WERE TOGETHER, AND HAD ALL THINGS COMMON;*

⁴⁵ *AND SOLD THEIR POSSESSIONS AND GOODS, AND PARTED THEM TO ALL MEN AS EVERY MAN HAD NEED. “*

1. THIS CHURCH WAS MARKED BY SELFLESSNESS.
2. THE MEMBERS CARED ABOUT THE NEEDS OF OTHERS AND THEY DID ALL THEY COULD TO MEET THOSE NEEDS.
3. THEY DISPLAYED THEIR LOVE, NOT IN WORDS, BUT IN ACTION,

(a). [1 JOHN 3:17-19]; ¹⁷ “*BUT WHOSO HATH THIS WORLD'S GOOD, AND SEETH HIS BROTHER HAVE NEED, AND SHUTTETH UP HIS BOWELS OF COMPASSION FROM HIM, HOW DWELLETH THE LOVE OF GOD IN HIM?*

¹⁸ *MY LITTLE CHILDREN, LET US NOT LOVE IN WORD, NEITHER IN TONGUE; BUT IN DEED AND IN TRUTH.*

¹⁹ *AND HEREBY WE KNOW THAT WE ARE OF THE TRUTH, AND SHALL ASSURE OUR HEARTS BEFORE HIM.”*

(b). [PHIL. 2:4]. ⁴ “*LOOK NOT EVERY MAN ON HIS OWN THINGS, BUT EVERY MAN ALSO ON THE THINGS OF OTHERS.”*

III. THE CHURCH THAT GOD FOUND HAS THE RIGHT METHODOLOGY

A. THEY WORSHIPED TOGETHER –

1. [V. 46-47]⁴⁶ ***“AND THEY, CONTINUING DAILY WITH ONE ACCORD IN THE TEMPLE, AND BREAKING BREAD FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE, DID EAT THEIR MEAT WITH GLADNESS AND SINGLENESS OF HEART, ⁴⁷PRAISING GOD, AND HAVING FAVOUR WITH ALL THE PEOPLE. AND THE LORD ADDED TO THE CHURCH DAILY SUCH AS SHOULD BE SAVED.”***
2. **THIS CHURCH MET TOGETHER FOR PRAYER, FOR INSTRUCTION IN THE WORD OF GOD AND FOR WORSHIP.**
3. **THEIR COMMON GOAL WAS TO GROW IN THEIR FAITH AND TO PRAISE THE LORD WHO REDEEMED THEM FROM THEIR SINS.**

(a). [PSA. 107:2]; ² ***“LET THE REDEEMED OF THE LORD SAY SO, WHOM HE HATH REDEEMED FROM THE HAND OF THE ENEMY;”***

B. THEY WORKED TOGETHER

1. [V. 44-45–] ⁴⁴ ***“AND ALL THAT BELIEVED WERE TOGETHER, AND HAD ALL THINGS COMMON; ⁴⁵AND SOLD THEIR POSSESSIONS AND GOODS, AND PARTED THEM TO ALL MEN, AS EVERY MAN HAD NEED.”***
2. **THIS CHURCH HAD AS THEIR COMMON GOAL THE COMMON GOOD.**
3. **THEY WORKED TO BENEFIT THE GROUP.**
4. **GOD HAS NOT CALLED US TO SIT BY AND DO NOTHING, BUT HE HAS CALLED US TO GO TO WORK, AND TO WORK TOGETHER, FOR THE GLORY OF GOD**

(a). [EPH. 2:10]; ¹⁰ ***“FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS UNTO GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD HATH BEFORE ORDAINED THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM.”***

(b). [JAMES 2:18]. ¹⁸ ***“YEA, A MAN MAY SAY, THOU HAST FAITH, AND I HAVE WORKS: SHEW ME THY FAITH WITHOUT THY WORKS, AND I WILL SHEW THEE MY FAITH BY MY WORKS.”***

C. THEY WALKED TOGETHER

1. [V. 42, 46] – ⁴² ***“AND THEY CONTINUED STEDFASTLY IN THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE AND FELLOWSHIP, AND IN BREAKING OF BREAD, AND IN PRAYERS.***

⁴⁶***AND THEY, CONTINUING DAILY WITH ONE ACCORD IN THE TEMPLE, AND BREAKING BREAD FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE, DID EAT THEIR MEAT WITH GLADNESS AND SINGLENESS OF HEART,”***

2. **THIS CHURCH ENJOYED “FELLOWSHIP”, “BREAKING OF BREAD”, AND “SINGLENESS OF HEART”.**
3. **A CHURCH IS NOT A SOCIAL CLUB, BUT FEW THINGS CREATE A BOND LIKE GOOD, CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.**
4. **FEW THINGS CONTRIBUTE TO THE UNITY OF A CHURCH LIKE THE MEMBERS COMING TOGETHER TO SERVE THE LORD AS A FAMILY.**
5. **WE ARE ON THE SAME TEAM!**
6. **WE ARE SERVING THE SAME MASTER!**
7. **WE ARE HEADED TO THE SAME HEAVEN!**

8. SURELY WE CAN WALK TOGETHER AS WE MAKE THE TRIP THERE!

(a). [PHIL. 1:27].²⁷ ***“ONLY LET YOUR CONVERSATION BE AS IT BECOMETH THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST: THAT WHETHER I COME AND SEE YOU, OR ELSE BE ABSENT, I MAY HEAR OF YOUR AFFAIRS, THAT YE STAND FAST IN ONE SPIRIT, WITH ONE MIND STRIVING TOGETHER FOR THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL;”***

D. THEY WITNESSED TOGETHER

1. [V. 47–] ⁴⁷ ***“PRAISING GOD, AND HAVING FAVOUR WITH ALL THE PEOPLE. AND THE LORD ADDED TO THE CHURCH DAILY SUCH AS SHOULD BE SAVED.”***

2. **THIS CHURCH WAS NOT ASHAMED OF THEIR MESSAGE, BUT THEY ALL WORKED TO SPREAD IT TO A LOST WORLD.**

3. **THE LORD STILL DESIRES THAT HIS PEOPLE SHARE HIS MESSAGE WITH THE LOST,**

(a). [ACTS 1:8]; ⁸ ***“BUT YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER, AFTER THAT THE HOLY GHOST IS COME UPON YOU: AND YE SHALL BE WITNESSES UNTO ME BOTH IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDAEA, AND IN SAMARIA, AND UNTO THE UTTERMOST PART OF THE EARTH.”***

(b). [MARK 16:15]; ¹⁵ ***“AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD, AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE.”***

(c). [MATT. 28:19-20].¹⁵ ***“AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD, AND***

***PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY
CREATURE.”***

**IV. THE CHURCH THAT GOD FOUND HAS THE
RIGHT MASTER**

A. HE IS POWERFUL

1. [V. 41, 43, 47] – ⁴¹ ***“THEN THEY THAT GLADLY RECEIVED HIS WORD WERE BAPTIZED: AND THE SAME DAY THERE WERE ADDED UNTO THEM ABOUT THREE THOUSAND SOULS. ⁴³ AND FEAR CAME UPON EVERY SOUL: AND MANY WONDERS AND SIGNS WERE DONE BY THE APOSTLES. ⁴⁷ PRAISING GOD, AND HAVING FAVOUR WITH ALL THE PEOPLE. AND THE LORD ADDED TO THE CHURCH DAILY SUCH AS SHOULD BE SAVED.”***
2. **THIS CHURCH WAS THE RIGHT KIND OF PEOPLE CARRYING OUT THE RIGHT KIND OF MINISTRY, AND AS A RESULT, THEY ENJOYED THE POWER OF GOD IN THEIR MIDST.**
3. **HE “ADDED” TO THEIR NUMBER DAILY.**
4. **HE MANIFESTED HIS POWER THROUGH “WONDERS AND SIGNS”.**
5. **HE CAUSED THE COMMUNITY TO TAKE NOTICE OF THE WORK OF THE CHURCH.**
6. **THEY FEARED AND RESPECTED THIS CHURCH!**
7. **HIS POWER IS STILL AVAILABLE TO THE RIGHT KIND OF CHURCH!**

B. HE IS PERSONAL

1. [V.47] – ⁴⁷ ***“PRAISING GOD, AND HAVING FAVOUR WITH ALL THE PEOPLE. AND THE LORD ADDED***

TO THE CHURCH DAILY SUCH AS SHOULD BE SAVED”

- 2. THIS CHURCH DIDN'T WORSHIP AND ABSTRACT GOD WHO WAS UNKNOWABLE.**
- 3. THEY WORSHIPED A LORD WHO HAD PERSONALLY REDEEMED THEM FROM THEIR SINS.**
- 4. THEY WERE IN A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.**
- 5. THEY KNEW HIM AND THEY WERE CONSUMED WITH LOVE FOR HIM, AND THAT LOVE PERMEATED ALL THEY DID.**
- 6. EVERYTHING ELSE THEY DID WAS A RESULT OF THEIR LOVE FOR THEIR MASTER.**
- 7. IT SHOULD BE THE SAME TODAY,**

(a). [JOHN 13:35].³⁵ “BY THIS SHALL ALL MEN KNOW THAT YE ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YE HAVE LOVE ONE TO ANOTHER.”

CONCLUSION

WELL? ARE WE THE KIND OF CHURCH GOD FOUNDED?

FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, I THINK FOR THE MOST PART, WE ARE.

WORK TOGETHER AS A FAMILY TO MAKE THIS CHURCH THE KIND OF CHURCH GOD WANTS IT TO BE!

- A. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE RIGHT MEMBERS;**
- B. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE RIGHT METHODOLOGY;**
- C. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE RIGHT MESSAGE;**

D. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE RIGHT MASTER.