

APOSTOLIC CHURCH LIFE

Intro. Mt 16:18. Ch impt. Local ch impt. Most would like to go back to apostolic Xnty. Just like us, some good and some bad. Word ch not in Acts till 5:11, but Pentecost began and many local groups in homes in Jerus. First picture we have is one of purest.

I. Doctrine.

A. Importance. Dearth today. Just live it. Don't be dogmatic. Divides too many Xns.

4:2; 5:28; 11:26 in Antioch. Can't fulfill Mt 28 without doctrine. 13:5 17:2

B. Content.

1. Resurrection, 4:2.

2. Guilt of crucifixion, 5:28.

Believe Jesus is X. Where learn about Jesus-- from experience; about X from OT. Written Word to know living word.

3. Prophecy, 3:19 ff. 4. Sal by grace, 15:1.

C. Demonstration of Doctrine.

Alliegance to a person brings change of life.

13:12. See doctrine as well as teach it.

Doctrine not simply facts but right inter of them.

II. Fellowship.

A. Meaning. Common. *Communion in giving* Assoc with intimacies of marriage Vine branches, body and head. Lord's supper is communion.

B. Demonstration. 2:42 and 4:32 only in Acts and both related to material things. + Ref in 10:11 to Common + Peter

Chief demonstration in NT, 2 Cor 8:4; 9:13; 1 Tim 6:18; Rom 15:26. Sharing money is chief means of proving you're in fellowship.

III. Breaking of bread.

A. Meaning. Remembering Lord. Only thing you can do.

B. Evidence, 20:7,11. Part of their lengthy weekly service in NT days. Boy in service. Mother's picture. Frequency of looking shows love. And doesn't want to look when drunk. Cleanses.

Word Types 6:11 - n 1:14

2:42 3:11 6:4

10:4, 31 12:5

IV. Prayers.

A. When to pray

A. Regular prayer meetings, 3:1. 13:2.

B. Private prayer.

1. Stipulated times, 10:9.

2. Always, 6:4.

B. Times of stress, 12:5. 4:23ff.

B. Why pray.

1. Not for relief from problems, 4:23.

Boldness.

2. To receive miracles, 12:5.

3. Learn Lord's will, 9:40.

4. Commend to Lord, 13:3.

5. Strength, 28:8.

Concl. Ch no better than weakest member.

How do you compare with apostolic Christians?

Continued Standards

(Same as 1:14
2:46)

No magic formula - just do these
things always.