

**SERMON TITLE:**  
***“Original Intent:  
Elements of the Early  
Church”***

TEXT(s):  
Acts 2:4-47

**LITURGICAL  
SEASONS:**  
Advnt/CHRISTmas/Eph.  
(4-7)  
Lent/Holy Week (7)  
Resurrection Season (7)  
Pentecost (7)

**LECTIONARY:**  
~Pre-Assigned,  
Scheduled readings from  
the Holy Scriptures  
~3-Year Cycle  
(Syn.Gspls)

**LECTIONARY  
READINGS**  
Old Testament  
Psalm  
Gospel  
Epistle

**LECTIONARY  
READINGS**  
OT: Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm: 23  
Epistle: I Peter 2:19-25  
Gospel: John 10:1-10

**SCRIPTURE**  
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*Acts:2:42*

**SCRIPTURE**  
"Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles."  
*Acts 2:43*

**SCRIPTURE**  
"Now ALL who believed were together, and had all things in common,"  
*Acts 2:44*

**SCRIPTURE**  
"and sold (*would sell*) their possessions and goods, and divided them among ALL, as anyone had need."  
*Acts 2:45*

**SCRIPTURE**  
"So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,"  
*Acts 2:46*

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- #1: Instruction** (v42)
- #2: Fellowship** (v42)
- #3: Ordinances** (v42)
- #4: Prayer** (v42)

## **SERMONIC PNTS**

- #5: Outreach** (v43)
- #6: Commonality** (v44)
- #7: Benevolence** (v45)

- #8: Attendance** (v46)
- #9: Rotation** (v46)
- #10: Disposition** (v46)
- #11: Worship** (v47)
- #12: Relationships**  
(v47)

## **SERMONIC PNTS**

- April 13<sup>th</sup> -> 4<sub>Pnts</sub>**
- April 20<sup>th</sup> -> 3<sub>Pnts</sub>**
- April 27<sup>th</sup> -> 5<sub>Pnts</sub>**

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**SERMONIC PT#1**

**INSTRUCT  
-ION**

**SERMONIC PT#1  
TEACHING**

**"Hear, my children,  
the instruction of a  
father...For I give  
you good doctrine.  
Do not forsake my  
law." Proverbs 4:1-2**

**"Jesus answered  
them and said, "My  
doctrine is not  
MINE, but HIS who  
sent ME." John 7:16**

**"ALL Scripture is given  
by inspiration of GOD  
and is profitable:  
for doctrine, for  
reproof, for correction"  
II Tim. 3:16**

**"for instruction in  
righteousness, that the  
man of GOD may be  
complete, thoroughly  
equipped for every  
good work." II Tim. 3:16**

**“For the time will come  
when they will NOT  
endure sound doctrine,  
but according to their  
own desires...”  
II Tim. 4:3a**

**SERMONIC PT#2  
FELLOW  
-SHIP**

**SERMONIC PT#2  
“Behold, how good  
and how pleasant it  
is for brethren to  
dwell together in  
unity!” Psalm 133:1**

**SERMONIC PT#2  
“...breaking bread  
from house to  
house...” *(vs.46)***

**SERMONIC PT#2  
Guard against  
INSULARITY!!!**

**SERMONIC PT#3  
ORDI-  
NANCES**

# **SERMONIC PT#3 ORDINANCES VS. SACRAMENTS**

**Latin word *sacramentum*:**  
*"a sign of the sacred." The sacraments are ceremonies that point to what is sacred, significant and important for Christians. They are special occasions for experiencing God's saving presence. That's what theologians mean when they say that sacraments are at the same time signs and instruments of God's grace.*

# **SERMONIC PT#3 Baptist/Cng. (2) Catholic (7)**

## **7 CATHOLIC SACRAMENTS:**

- 1.** Baptism
- 2.** Eucharist
- 3.** Reconciliation (confession/forgiveness)
- 4.** Confirmation
- 5.** Marriage
- 6.** Holy Orders
- 7.** Anointing of Sick

## **2 BAPTIST ORDINANCES:**

- 1.** Baptism
- 2.** Eucharist
- 3.** Reconciliation
- 4.** Confirmation
- 5.** Marriage
- 6.** Holy Orders
- 7.** Anointing of Sick

# **SERMONIC PT#4 PRAYER**

## **ELEMENTS OF PRAYER:**

1. Adoration:
2. Confession:
3. Thanksgiving
4. Intercession:
5. Supplication:

## **SCRIPTURE**

**"But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, *pray to your FATHER* who is in the secret place; and your FATHER who sees in secret will reward you openly."**

***Matthew 11:5-15/Luke 11:1***

## **SCRIPTURE (GETHSEMANE)**

**"Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."**

***Matthew 26:41***

## **SCRIPTURE**

**"Then HE spoke a parable to them, that men ALWAYS OUGHT TO PRAY and not lose heart, saying:"**

***Luke 18:1***

## **SCRIPTURE**

**"...pray without ceasing...  
*I Thessalonians 5:17***

**"...praying always with ALL prayer and supplication in the SPIRIT," *Eph. 6:18***

## **CONCLUSION**

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