

SERMON TITLE:

***“Original Intent:
Elements of the Early
Church” Part II***

TEXT(s):
Acts 2:42-47

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**

OT: Acts 7:55-60

Psalm: 31:1-5, 15-16

Epistle: I Peter 2:2-10

Gospel: John 14:1-14

**CONTEXT OF THE
BOOK OF ACTS**

Acts is the 2nd part of Luke's
Gospel written by Luke! It is
the only NT book that carries
on Jesus' story from HIS
ascension to the period of the
institution of the Christian
Church.

**CONTEXT OF THE
BOOK OF ACTS**

Because of Luke's strong
emphasis on the ministry of
the Holy Spirit, Acts can be
regarded as the "Acts of the
Holy Spirit working in and
through the Apostles.

CONTEXT OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

"From a theological POV, Acts was written to trace the development of the body of Christ over the one-generation transition from a primarily Jewish to a predominantly Gentile membership."

CONTEXT OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

Acts is a pivotal book of transitions:

- ~from the gospels to epistles;
- ~from Judaism to Christianity;
- ~from Jews alone to Gentiles;
- ~from kingdom to church;

SCRIPTURE

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers."

Acts:2:42

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' *doctrine* and

fellowship, in the

breaking of

bread and in *prayers*."

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

SCRIPTURE

**"praising GOD and having
favor with all the people.
And the LORD added to
the church daily those
who were being saved."**

Acts 2:47

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Acts 2:47

SERMONIC PNTS

#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 13th ->4_{Pnts}

April 20th ->3_{Pnts}

April 27th->5_{Pnts}

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**SERMONIC
PT#1
OUTREACH**

SCRIPTURE

"Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles."

Acts 2:43

“For GOD has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of love, power and a sound mind.”

II Tim. 1:7

“Perfect love casts out ALL fear.”

I John 4:18

“The fear of the LORD is...”

Psalm 19:9

“The fear of the LORD is...”

Psalm 111:10

“...and MANY wonders and signs were done through the Apostles.”

Acts 2:43b

TO whom and FOR whom were the “wonders and signs” wonders and signs?

**SERMONIC PT#2
COMMON
-ALITY**

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

**SERMONIC PT#2
SOCIALISM
COMMUNISM**

**SERMONIC PT#3
BENE-
VOLENCE**

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

**SERMONIC PT#3
As the NEED
arose, the
NEED was
addressed!!!**

CONCLUSION

- _#1: Outreach** *(v43)*
- #2: Commonality** *(v44)*
- #3: Benevolence** *(v45)*