

DAILY

Introduction:

1. The word “church” comes from the Greek word *ecclesia* (ἐκκλησία) which means, “those who are called out of” or “those who are summoned.”
2. The church built by Jesus had its beginning on the Day of Pentecost following His resurrection from the dead.
3. The early church was active on a daily basis.

- I. The Church Practiced Daily Fellowship (Acts 2: 42, 46-47)
 - A. To “continue steadfastly” is “to adhere to, to be devoted to, to give unremitting care to, to show one’s self courageous for, to be in constant readiness for, to be earnest towards, to be steadfastly attentive unto, or to persevere.”
 - B. Fellowship is defined as, “Joint participation, partnership, association, or community; the share which one has in anything.”
 1. Fellowship requires hearing and obeying the word (2: 41).
 2. Fellowship requires continuing steadfastly (2: 42).
 3. Fellowship requires fear and reverence (2: 43).
 4. Fellowship requires unity and community (2: 44).
 5. Fellowship requires sacrifice and giving (2: 45).
 6. Fellowship requires consistency and involvement (2: 46).
 7. Fellowship requires worship and evangelism (2: 47).
 - C. Some Bible pictures of Christian fellowship:
 1. Romans 15: 23-33
 2. 1 Corinthians 1: 9-13
 3. Philippians 1: 1-11
 - D. Christians should desire one another’s company.
 - E. What will Heaven be like?
- II. The Church Practiced Daily Study (Acts 17: 11)
 - A. There was a zealous eagerness for Truth.
 - B. Thus, they scrutinized the Word of God daily in order to learn.
- III. The Church Practiced Daily Evangelism (Acts 5: 42)
 - A. They were simply imitating the example of Jesus (Matthew 26: 55; Mark 14: 49; Luke 19: 47; 22: 53).
 - B. This example was also set by the apostle Paul (Acts 17: 17; 19: 9).
- IV. The Church Practiced Daily Service (Acts 6: 1)
 - A. Daily needs require daily service (James 2: 15-17).
 - B. This is not optional!
- V. The Church Experienced Daily Growth (Acts 2: 47; 16: 5)

Conclusion:

1. The Lord’s church was established on Pentecost.
2. It continues to exist wherever the Gospel of Christ is believed and obeyed.
3. This includes daily exercise of one’s faith!