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# **The Church Jesus Builds**

## **Acts 2:42-47**

**1. The church Jesus builds devotes  
herself to God's ordinary means of  
grace (v. 42)**

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**"The outward and ordinary means  
whereby Christ communicates to us the  
benefits of redemption are His ordinances,  
especially the Word, Baptism, the Lord's  
Supper and Prayer."**

**The Baptist Catechism (Benjamin Keach)**

# A. Scripture

**"Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures" (James 1:18).**

# B. Fellowship

# C. Ordinances (Baptism and Lord's Supper)

# D. Prayer

**“I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. 5 As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry” (2 Timothy 4:1-5).**

**“For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened” (Hebrews 4:2).**

**2. The church Jesus builds delights  
herself in God's extraordinary work  
(vv. 43-47)**

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# **A. Wonders and Signs**

## **B. Community**

# C. Generosity

# D. Provision

**E. Gladness**

**F. Fruitful (cf. 1 Cor 3:5-10)**