

HOW THEY CONTINUED TO HAVE REVIVAL

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1. **Definition of Revival**: The inrush of the Spirit into the body that threatens to become a corpse.

Phi 2:14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

Phi 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

Phi 2:16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

Act 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

Act 2:41 -

They that gladly received - The word rendered “gladly” means “freely, cheerfully, joyfully.” It implies that they did it without compulsion, and with joy.

1. **Christianity is not compulsion**. They who become Christians do it cheerfully; they do it rejoicing in the privilege of becoming reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. Though so many received his word and were baptized, yet it is implied that there were others who did not. **It is probable that there were multitudes assembled who were alarmed, but who did not receive the word with joy.**
2. **When a church is healthy** it is seeing new ones wanting to be baptized.

APOSTLES DOCTRINE

Act 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

3. **“They Continued Stedfastly in the Apostles Doctrine”**:

Act 2:42 -
continued steadfastly in — “attended constantly upon.”

1Co 15:57 But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **1Co 15:58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

a. **The Early Church recognized the importance of Sound Doctrine.**

2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

2Ti 4:4 And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

1Ti 4:16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

FELLOWSHIP

Act 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine **and fellowship...**”

1Co 1:9 God *is* faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

1Co 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Eph 3:9 And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

1Jo 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

1Jo 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1Jo 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1Jo 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1. It is good to come early to church to fellowship with God, and greet our guests, and try to stay around for a while to talk with newcomers and those who have been praying in our altars.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

Act 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in **breaking of bread**, and in prayers.

1. Not only a time of eating of food, but a time of sharing of God's word and meeting to discuss the Word of God and enjoying their new experience of the Holy Ghost.

Luk 24:30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he **took bread, and blessed it, and brake**, and gave to them.

Luk 24:31 **And their eyes were opened**, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

Luk 24:32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

Act 20:20 *And* how I kept back nothing that was profitable *unto you*, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

Act 5:42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS

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1. **A PRAYERLESS Church is a Powerless Church**

2. **Jesus taught to pray without ceasing:**

1Th 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

Mat 21:13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Jud 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

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Act 2:43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

Act 2:44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

Act 2:45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need.

**DAILY/ONE ACCORD IN THE TEMPLE/GOD
ADDING TO THE CHURCH**

Act 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

Act 2:47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.