

“THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY”

INTRODUCTION

A. **Acts 2:42**

In this study, we intend to discuss:

1. *“The apostles’ doctrine”*
2. *“Fellowship”*
3. *“The breaking of bread”*
4. *“Prayers”*

B. **Acts 2:40-41**

“They” under consideration are those who were baptized to be saved.

I. “IN THE APOSTLES’ DOCTRINE”

A. **1st Corinthians 12:28**

Theirs was the first position God placed within the church.

B. **Ephesians 2:19-22; Revelation 21:9-10, 14**

They were instrumental in the foundation of the church.

C. **Ephesians 3:1-5; 4:11-13**

They were sent for doctrine.

D. **2nd Peter 3:1-2; Jude 17**

We should be *“mindful... of the commandments of... the apostles of the Lord”*.

E. **Hebrews 2:1-4**

They deserve our *“earnest”* attention.

II. “AND FELLOWSHIP”

A. **2nd Corinthians 6:14-16**

Paul effectively defines *“fellowship”* when he offers several synonyms to the word. These synonyms allow us to see that fellowship is so much more than

mere association or fraternization, so much more than a common meal.

Fellowship is the same as:

1. "Communion"
2. "Accord"
3. "Having Part"
4. "Agreement"

B. 1st Corinthians 1:9

A faithful Christian is in fellowship with Jesus Christ, though we can't sit down with Jesus in a fellowship hall.

C. Ephesians 5:11

You can't have a meal with an *"unfruitful work,"* but you **can** be in fellowship it... by participating in it.

D. 1st John 1:6-7

"Fellowship" transpires between an individual and the Lord when that person *"walk[s] in the light"*. In doing so, he then enters fellowship with others who so walk. Therefore, we can establish fellowship with the apostles when we share with them in obedience to Christ.

III. "IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD"

A. 1st Corinthians 10:16

There is a bread to break that signifies fellowship with the body of our Lord.

B. 1st Corinthians 11:23-34

In breaking this bread, we proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

C. Acts 20:7

The disciples at Troas *"continued steadfastly"* in this, for they *"came together"* for this purpose *"on the first day of the week"*. When we assemble each Lord's Day, we can continue this, too.

IV. "AND IN PRAYERS"

A. 1st Thessalonians 5:17; Romans 12:9-12; Luke 18:1-8

Prayer should be continued steadfastly.

B. Acts 12:5, 12

Prayer should be practiced collectively. Notice that “*constant prayer was offered to God... by the church*” and that “*many were gathered together praying*”.

CONCLUSION

A. In what things do you continue steadfastly?

B. Would you consider it your habit to constantly:

1. Be taught in the scriptures by the apostles?
2. Walk in the light of Christ so as to maintain fellowship with the apostles?
3. Observe the memorial of the Lord’s Supper?
4. Pray, both privately and with the church?

C. If this doesn’t describe you, these habits ought to be developed.