

Acts 2:41-47

⁴¹So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. ⁴²They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

⁴³Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. ⁴⁶Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

SERMON NOTES

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A NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

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"A new covenant in my blood" (Luke 22-20)

New and necessary: "born of water and the Spirit" (John 3:5)

- New persuasiveness (v. 41)
Look at the harvest! (John 4:35)
- New openness (v. 42)
To instruction
To friendship
- New emotion (v. 43)
- New unity (v. 44)
- New generosity (v. 45)

Ephesians 5:17 "...be filled with the Spirit"

"We have the notion that we can consecrate our gifts to God. You cannot consecrate what is not yours; there is only one thing that you can consecrate to God, and that is the right to yourself. (Romans 12:1)"

—Oswald Chambers