

“Life Principles

Unhindered; The Birth of the Church - Part 7

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AN IMAGE OF THE FIRST CHURCH

Acts 2:42-47

A. The church belongs to _____ .

Matthew 16:18 (Emphasis added) – “(Jesus) On this rock I will build **MY** church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”

B. It takes a _____ to be a church.

C. There’s a difference between _____ and _____ .

PRINCIPLES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

A. Bible-based _____ and _____ .

Acts 2:14 - “Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd. . . .”

Acts 2:42 - “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching.”

Just as the universe was brought into existence through God’s spoken Word, the church comes into being through God’s Word being preached.

B. Authentic _____ .

Acts 2:42 (Emphasis added) - "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to **fellowship.**"

C. Partaking of _____ .

Acts 2:42 (Emphasis added) - "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the **breaking of bread.** . ."

Acts 20:7 (Emphasis added) - "On the **first day of the week** we came together to break bread..."

1. An opportunity to look _____ . - I Cor. 11:23-25

2. An opportunity to look _____ . - I Cor. 11:26

3. An opportunity to look _____ . - I Cor. 11:28

4. An opportunity to look _____ . - I Cor. 10:16-17

D. Extreme _____ .

Acts 2:44-45 - "All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property