

Radical Church (Acts 2:42-47)

Introduction

"devoted themselves to" (προσκαρτερουντε cf. 1:14; 2:42; 2:46; 6:4; 8:13; 10:7)

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Theme	Passages in Acts
"teaching of the apostles"	2:42; 4:2, 18; 5:21, 25, 28, 42
"prayers"	1:14, 24; 2:42; 4:24-30; 6:4, 6
gathering in the temple (for teaching)	2:46; 3:1, 11; 5:12, 20-21, 25, 42; cf. Lk 24:53
"fear"	2:43; 5:5, 11
"wonders" and "signs"	2:19, 22, 43; 4:16, 22, 30; 5:12; 6:8; 7:36
Favour of the people	2:47; 4:21; 5:13, 26
Breaking of bread	2:42, 46; 20:7, 11
Growing community	2:41, 47; 4:4; 5:14; 6:1, 7

"as the New Testament speaks of it, fellowship is deep, virile, and costly; too often today it is cheap and superficial. The higher we value our personal privacy and freedom from commitments, the shallower our grasp of fellowship will be - reduced to moments of idle chitchat over steaming coffee before or after a worship service." (Johnson, pp.72-73)

"Teaching, fellowship, sharing goods, and prayers are the religious practices...Each is a concrete expression of forgiveness of sins and the reception of the Spirit; each is made possible only because of conversion, and together they make possible the convert's continued formation toward maturity. This is so because these practices are much too demanding to implement without the habits of a repentant mind and purified heart. They are also too demanding for the individual believer; therefore, the initial images of conversion in Acts are those of a community and of shared practices and goods." (Wall, p.73)