

Ekklesia: Discovering the Beauty of the Church

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Acts 2:42-47

Introduction

**The Ekklesia, Called Out Ones, should demonstrate
NT characteristics in the life of the Church today**

I. It was a Learning Church (.v42a)

v.42 *"...they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching"*

Colossians 3:16 – *"Let the word of God dwell in your richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."*

1 Peter 2:2 – *"Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good."*

Where the Spirit of God reigns, a love for God's Word reigns!

"The Spirit of God leads the people of God to submit to the Word of God." J Stott

II. It was a Loving Church (v.42b-45)

v.42 *...to the fellowship...(koinonia)*

1 John 1:3 – *"...that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ."*

v.44 The early church shared among themselves.

III. It was a Worshipping Church (v.46-47a)

They were not only caring for one another, but also having corporate fellowship as well.

IV. It was an Evangelistic Church (v.47b)

v. 47 *...and the Lord added to their number...saved.*

"pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ" Colossians 4:3