

The Holy Spirit's Pattern for the Church (Acts 2:42-47)

Two weeks ago we considered Peter's Pentecost sermon (2:14-41)

1. *Peter's quotation of Joel and the Holy Scriptures' unity (2:16-21)*
2. *Peter's conviction: God's Sovereign Control over History (2:21,23)*
3. *Peter's passionate conviction about who Jesus is (2:22-36)*
4. *The people are convicted about the Need for Salvation (2:37-39)*

I. The Early Church was Devoted to Apostolic Teaching (2:42)

The first mention of the Spirit's presence in the church: Apostolic teaching

These new converts sat at the feet of the apostles receiving instruction

Word teaching "didache:" instruction but it also includes proclamation

II. The Early Church: Devoted to Fellowship (2:42, 44,45)

They devoted themselves to *fellowship*: bears witness to their common life

Expresses what is shared together *fellowship* with *Father, Son & Holy Spirit*

It expressed what we give as well

III. The Early Church: Devoted Formal & Informal Worship (2:42-47)

- A. *Breaking bread (v.42)*
- B. *Prayers (v.42)*
- C. *The Holy Spirit manifested His power through the Apostles (v.43)*

IV. The Early Church: Devoted to Evangelism (2:42)

1. *The Lord (Jesus Himself) did it*
2. *He added to their number...those who were being saved*
3. *The Lord added people daily (v.46, 47)*