

### **MARCH 26TH, 2023**

#### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-47

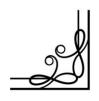
In 1989, our dear shepherd at that time, Pastor Ron Blough, initiated our reading through a portion of the 66 books of the Bible as a congregation, typically a chapter each Sunday. Since then, we have been through the entire Bible one full time and are currently in Second Chronicles, the 14th book of the Bible. We pause our regular congregational reading for a special communion text.

#### **TODAY'S SERVICE**

- 1. Hymn #513 "Speak, O Lord"
- 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
- 3. Hymn #524 "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"
- 4. Hymn #525 "All That Thrills My Soul"
- 5. Hymn #279 "His Robes for Mine"
- 6. Reading: Brother Galen Q.
- 7. **Message**: "The Breaking of Bread"
- 8. Communion
- 9. Hymn #293 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
- 10. Benediction

11. Sunday Evening Bible Study Holy War #65; James 4





### The BREAKING of BREAD

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. **ACTS 2:42**, ESV

### I. the Breakdown of the Chapter

- A. Pentecost in the House of the LORD, Acts 2:1-13
- B. Peter Preaches the Gospel of Christ, Acts 2:14-41
- C. Primitive Church Praising God in Christ, Acts 2:42-47

### II. the BLESSING from the TEXT

# A. They <u>Devoted</u> Themselves to...

## the Apostles' Teaching

- 1. διδαχ $\hat{\eta}$  (*did-ax-Ā*) teaching; doctrine
- 2. Acts 2:14-41 (vv17-21; 25-28; 34-36)
  - a. Acts 2:22-24; 29-33; 36; 40
  - b. 2 Tim 3:16-17

### the Fellowship

- 1. κοινωνία (koy-nōn-ĒĒ-a) fellowship; communion; participation
  - a. with the Triune God & believers: John 17:20-21; 1 John 1:3
  - b. Rom 15:26; 1 Cor 10:16; 2 Cor 6:14; 9:13; 13:14; Phil 1:5; Phil 2:1; 3:10; Philemon 1:6; etc.
  - c. Eph 5:25

### the Breaking of Bread

- 1. κλάσει τοῦ ἄρτου (KLAS-ā too ART-ou) breaking of bread
  - a. 1 Cor 10:16, The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a <u>participation</u> in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? (covered in 1 Cor 11:26)

### the Prayers

- 1. προσευχαῖς ( $pros-yoo-xa-\bar{E}\bar{E}S$ ) prayers
  - a. 1 Thess 5:17; Phil 4:6

# B. The Lord's Table Today...

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. 1 CORINTHIANS 11:26, ESV

### Christ's glory

the precious symbols

## Christ's grace

the partaking

## Christ's guarantee

the promise

### QUOTE of the WEEK

Our Lord's ascension was a triumph over *the world*. He had passed through it unscathed by its temptations; he had been solicited on all hands to sin, but his garments were without spot or blemish. There was no temptation which had not been tried upon him, the guivers of the earth had been emptied against him, but the arrows had glanced harmlessly from his armour of proof. They had persecuted him relentlessly; he had been made to suffer all that cruel scorn could invent, but he came forth from the furnace with not the smell of fire upon him. He had endured death itself with love unquenched and courage invincible. He had conquered by enduring all. As he rose he was infinitely beyond their reach; though they hated him no less than before, he had been forty days amongst them, and yet no hand was outstretched to arrest him. He had shown himself openly in divers places, and yet not a dog dare move his tongue. In the clear air, from far above the hills of Salem, he who was once tempted in the desert, looked down upon the kingdoms of the earth, which had been shown him by Satan as the price of sin, and reserved them all as his own by right of merit. He rises above all, for he is superior to all. As the world could not injure his character by its temptations, so no longer could it touch his person by its malice. He has defeated altogether this present evil world. [emphasis in original]

> "The Ascension of Christ" from the text, Ephesians 4:7-12 a sermon delivered on March 26th, 1871 by Charles Haddon Spurgeon Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit Volume 17, Sermon No. 982

### MARCH/APRIL 2023

FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
Exodus 37	John 16	26	Proverbs 13	Ephesians 6
Exodus 38	John 17	27	Proverbs 14	Phil. 1
Exodus 39	John 18	28	Proverbs 15	Phil. 2
Exodus 40	John 19	29	Proverbs 16	Phil. 3
Leviticus 1	John 20	30	Proverbs 17	Phil. 4
Leviticus 2-3	John 21	31	Proverbs 18	Colossians 1
Leviticus 4	Psalms 1-2	1	Proverbs 19	Colossians 2
Leviticus 5	Psalms 3-4	2	Proverbs 20	Colossians 3

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