

9 Marks of Authentic Church From Acts 2v42-47

Acts 2:42-47 The Fellowship of the Believers

⁴² They devoted themselves to the **apostles' teaching** and to **fellowship**, to the **breaking of bread** and to **prayer**. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many **wonders and signs** performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were **together** and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to **give to anyone who had need**. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ **praising God** and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the **Lord added to their number daily** those who were being saved.

- 1) **Appointed leadership** - the church is organised and led by recognised leaders who are both called by God and affirmed by the church (*They devoted themselves to the **apostles' teaching***)
- 2) **Scriptural Authority**: Founded on the New Testament (***Apostles teaching***) and Old Testament (Prophets) with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. (Eph 2:20)
- 3) **Covenant Community** – a committed ***fellowship of believers together*** with one another, sharing resources, (and discipline when necessary)
- 4) **Ordinances** - ***Breaking bread*** (Communion) and baptism (Matt 28)
- 5) **Prayer** on all occasions (Eph 6:18)
- 6) **Signs and Wonders** – Holy Spirit ministry is a normal part of church life!
- 7) **Mission** – Proclaiming and Demonstrating the Gospel through Evangelism, healing and social action: ***giving to anyone as they have need***.
- 8) **Praising God - Worshipping** God the Holy Trinity in Spirit and in Truth
- 9) **Growth** – both in depth and number (The **Lord added to their number daily**)