

UNSTOPPABLE: Daring to Be the Church On Mission

Lesson Seven • Acts 2:40-47

Gospel Devotion Made Visible

Gospel Conviction Results in Gospel PROCLAMATION...

And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!" Acts 2:40

Gospel Proclamation Results in Gospel CONVERSIONS...

Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. Acts 2:41

Gospel Conversion Results in Gospel DEVOTION!

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42 NAS

What Were They Devoting Themselves to? Acts 2:42-47

- They devoted themselves to THE LIFE of a local church.

How Is Gospel Devotion to the Local Church Demonstrated?

- Active PARTICIPATION that PERSEVERES through problems.

Is Gospel Devotion to the Local Church on the Decline?

Three Reasons Why the Local Church Is Gospel Devotion Made Visible

1. The Local Church Fulfills and Is the Fulfillment of THE GREAT COMMISSION.

"Upon this rock I will build My church." Matthew 16:18

Go, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them,,and teaching them to obey all I commanded." Matthew 28:19

What Did the Twelve Apostles Understand the Great Commission to Mean?

Obeying the Great Commission should result in the planting, establishing and multiplying of local churches in every people group until Jesus comes again.

2. The Local Church Reveals WHO IS IN AND WHO IS OUT.

So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. Acts 2:41

Three Requirements for Church Membership

- Personal SALVATION Repenting & Trusting in the Gospel message
- Public IDENTIFICATION Confessing & Identifying by Water Baptism
- Persevering DEVOTION Added & Steadfastly Devoted to the Local Church

3. The Local Church Is JESUS [& HIS GOSPEL] MADE VISIBLE on Earth.

and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He said, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting" Acts 9:4-5

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; **and in the middle of the lampstands [= local churches]** I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. **In His right hand He held seven stars [local pastors]**, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength." Revelation 1:12-16

Let Your Gospel Devotion Be Made Visible This Moring!

- Repent and receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior!
- Surrender to be baptized as soon as possible!
- Devote yourself to becoming a committed member of our church and attend the next Discovering Church Membership Class!
- Persevere in your gospel devotion to the local church with a joyful, sincere heart that is united in learning together, sharing together, worshipping together, praying together, and evangelizing together.

Four Ways to Make Our Gospel Devotion Visible as a Church in the Next 30 Days

- FILL EGGS next SUNDAY @ 9:00AM!
- BE DEVOTED to PRAYING TOGETHER at IGNITE Praise & Prayer March 29 @ 5:00PM.
- SIGN UP TODAY to SERVE at the EGGSTRAVAGANZA! (Saturday, April 4)
- PRAY and INVITE SOMEONE to EASTER SUNDAY, April 5.