



**SOUTH POINT BAPTIST CHURCH--A TRUE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH"  
ACTS 2: 41-47**

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, AS A WHOLE, IS MAKING VERY LITTLE IMPACT ON SOCIETY TODAY. THE CHURCH AT JERUSALEM HOWEVER, MADE A HUGE IMPACT IN THAT FIRST CENTURY. NOW THAT WE AT SOUTH POINT ARE BEGINNING A NEW CHAPTER, WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE MODEL CHURCH TO SEE HOW WE SHOULD PATTERN OURSELVES. WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM IT SO THAT WE CAN HAVE THE KIND OF CHURCH WHICH MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD AND IN US?

**I. A SAVED PEOPLE (V. 41A)**

“THEN THEY GLADLY RECEIVED THE WORD...”.

PETER’S SERMON BROUGHT INSTANT RESULTS BECAUSE THERE WAS A MIGHTY MOVING OF THE SPIRIT UPON THE PEOPLE. THEY GLADLY RECEIVED THE WORD OF GOD. WE ARE A SAVED PEOPLE, AND WE OUGHT TO ACT LIKE IT. ONE WAY TO DO SO IS TO GLADLY RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD.

**II. A STEADFAST PEOPLE (V. 42)**

FOUR THINGS MARKED THIS FIRST CHURCH, AND IT OUGHT TO MARK OURS:

- A. THE TRUTH
- B. THE TIE
- C. THE TABLE
- D. THE THRONE

**III. A SANCTIFIED PEOPLE (V. 43)**

“AND FEAR CAME UPON EVERY SOUL...” THE EARLY CHURCH WAS HOLY AND PURE, BUT MANY CHURCHES TODAY ARE FAR FROM THAT. MOST CHURCHES TODAY ARE DIVIDED AND DISGRACED BECAUSE THE MEMBERS ARE NOT SANCTIFIED IN THEIR LIVING.

**IV. A SPECTACULAR PEOPLE (V. 43)**

“AND MANY WONDERS AND SIGNS WERE DONE BY THE APOSTLES.” THE EARLY CHURCH HAD MORE THAN PURITY; IT ALSO HAD POWER. VERY FEW CHURCHES TODAY HAVE MUCH SPIRITUAL POWER BECAUSE THEY ARE MORE CONCERNED WITH OTHER THINGS RATHER THAN SPIRITUAL THINGS. IT’S NOT GOD’S FAULT IF THERE ARE NO MIRACLES TAKING PLACE IN OUR CHURCHES.

**V. A SINGLE PEOPLE (V. 44)**

“AND ALL THAT BELIEVED WERE TOGETHER, AND HAD ALL THINGS COMMON.” THERE WAS A ONENESS IN THE EARLY CHURCH BECAUSE EACH MEMBER WAS TRULY CONCERNED FOR OTHERS.

**VI. A SACRIFICIAL PEOPLE (V. 45)**

“AND SOLD THEIR POSSESSIONS AND GOODS, AND PARTED THEM TO ALL MEN...” THE PEOPLE OF THIS EARLY CHURCH MADE SURE THAT NO ONE DID WITHOUT THE BASIC NECESSITIES. THEY WERE WILLING TO MAKE A SACRIFICES FOR THE GOOD OF EVERYONE ELSE. WE NEED TO DO THE SAME.

**VII. A SPIRITUAL PEOPLE (V. 46)**

SPIRITUALITY IS NOT SOMETHING WITH WHICH WE CLOTHE OURSELVES JUST ON SUNDAYS. IT OUGHT TO PERMEATE OUR WHOLE LIFE.

**VIII. A SINGING PEOPLE (V. 47)**

THE KEYNOTE OF THE EARLY CHURCH WAS THAT THEY WERE HAPPY. THEY SANG; THEY PRAISED GOD.

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*Finding God's Direction for Life*



**IX. A SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE (V. 47)**

THE ONLY WAY A CHURCH CAN GROW IS THROUGH “THE LORD ADDING TO ITS MEMBERS THOSE WHOM HE SAVES.” WE NEED TO PUT OUR FAITH IN HIM RATHER THAN IN OUR PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES---THEY ARE INSTRUMENTS, BUT HE IS THE GUIDING FORCE.