

# MARKS OF A GREAT CHURCH

## ACTS 2:41-47

Text:

### **1. CONTROLLED BY A POWER (ACTS 1:8)**

*(Acts 1:8) "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."*

- A. To Further the Word (Acts 1:8; 2:14-36)
- B. For Mundane Matters (Acts 6 – Deacons)
- C. Confident in Prayer
  - 1. Acts 4:23-31 (prayer for boldness);
  - 2. Acts 12:1-5 (Peter in prison)

They knew Satan might wall them up, but they knew that he couldn't roof them in!

### **2. COMMITTED TO PURITY ACTS 5 (ANANIAS & SAPPHIRA)**

The early church was feared and respected

- A. Our actions should manifest a commitment to purity.
- B. Our affections should manifest a commitment to purity.
- C. Our appetites should manifest a commitment to purity.
- D. Our attire should manifest a commitment to purity.
- E. Our attitudes should manifest a commitment to purity.

*(2 Cor 7:1) "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."*

### **3. CAPTIVATED WITH A PERSON (ACTS 4:10-12)**

*(Acts 4:10-12) "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. {11} This is the stone which was set at*

*nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. {12} Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."*

A. The person of the cross had captured their affection

#### **4. CLOTHED WITH PRAISE (ACTS 2:47)**

*(Acts 2:47) "Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."*

A. The early church was a joyful church

##### 1. Paul and Silas in Jail (Acts 16)

The jailer had heard others pray in prison  
He had never heard anyone praise in prison!

##### 2. Peter and the Apostles (Acts 5)

Rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame

Praise for privilege of sacrifice