

## The Apostles' Doctrine

**TEXT:** Acts 2:41-47

### INTRODUCTION:

- A. THOSE WHO RECEIVED THE TEACHING OF PETER WERE BAPTIZED.
- B. NOT AN EVENT, THE BEGINNING OF A NEW LIFE.
- C. THEY CONTINUED STEDFASTLY. IN WHAT?
  - 1. The apostles' doctrine.
  - 2. Fellowship.
  - 3. Breaking of bread.
  - 4. Prayers.
- D. LET'S LOOK AT THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE.

### I. WHAT IS THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE?

- A. REFERENCES BY PAUL (**Rom. 2:16**; **2 Tim. 2:2**; **2 Thess. 2:15**; **1 John 4:6**).
- B. ORIGIN OF THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE (**Gal. 1:11**; **2 Pet. 3:1-2**).
- C. THE ROLE OF INSPIRATION:
  - 1. God spoke this way in the past (**Heb. 1:1**).
  - 2. But in these last days thru Jesus (**Heb. 1:1-2**; **John 12:49**).
  - 3. Jesus speaks thru the Holy Spirit (**John 14:26**; **16:13**).
  - 4. The Holy Spirit thru the Apostles (**Eph. 3:5**).
  - 5. **1 Pet. 1:12**. They spoke (**1 Cor. 2:13**) and wrote (**Eph. 3:3-4**).
  - 6. Their teaching constitutes law (**John 12:48**; **Luke 10:16**; **1 Cor. 14:37**).
- D. THE REVELATION PROCESS IS COMPLETE!
  - 1. We have all things in the Scriptures (**2 Pet. 1:3**; **2 Tim. 3:16-17**).
  - 2. "Once for all..." (**Jude 3**).
  - 3. Latter day revelations are false (**Gal. 1:8-9**).

### II. WHAT IS MEANT "THEY CONTINUED STEDFASTLY?"

- A. THE LORD'S DESIRE FOR US IS THAT WE GROW (**2 Pet. 3:18**).
  - 1. How is that growth accomplished? (**1 Pet. 2:1-2**; **Acts 20:32**). Feed on His Word!
  - 2. Exercise is important (**1 Tim. 4:7-8**; **Heb. 5:12-14**).
- B. THE PURPOSE OF THAT GROWTH IS A NEW LIFE (**Rom. 6:4**).
  - 1. A new lifestyle (**Rom. 6:1**; **1 Pet. 4:1-4**; **Eph. 4:17**).
  - 2. A new perspective (**Col. 3:1-2**).
  - 3. A new commitment of service (**Rom. 6:17-18**; **1 Pet. 3:15**; **4:19**).
- C. BUT WE MUST CONTINUE IF WE ARE TO BE TRUE CHRISTIANS (**John 8:31**).

### III. NOW LET'S PUT THE TWO TOGETHER.

- A. WE MUST CONTINUE IN WHAT THE APOSTLES ACTUALLY TAUGHT (**2 Tim. 1:13**; **Gal. 1:6-9**).
  - 1. There is a "sound" teaching (**Titus 2:1-2**; **1:9, 13**; **1 Tim. 4:6**).
  - 2. There is a tendency to not consent (**1 Tim. 6:3**; **2 Tim. 4:3-4**).
- B. DEPARTING FROM THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE HAS CONSEQUENCES (**2 John 9**; **Col. 2:8**; **Matt. 15:13-14**; **Gal. 1:8-9**).
- C. WE MUST CONTINUE IN WHAT? (**John 8:31-32**).
- D. WE MUST TAKE HEED (**Matt. 24:4**; **Acts 17:11**).

**Book, Chapter, Verse!**

### CONCLUSION:

- A. THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE IS FOUND IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.
- B. IT IS THE INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR THOSE CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE.
- C. ARE YOU FOLLOWING IT?
- D. ARE YOU CONTINUING IN IT?