

Continuing Stedfastly

TEXT: Acts 2:42

INTRODUCTION:

- A. LIFE AFTER BAPTISM - ONLY THE BEGINNING.
- B. MUST CONTINUE(**John 8:31; Acts 11:26**).
 - 1. Who is a real Christian?
 - 2. Not those who call themselves Christian or have their name on the roll.
- C. WE MUST CONTINUE STEDFASTLY(**Matt. 10:22**), EVEN IF WE DIE.
- D. CONTINUE STEDFASTLY IN WHAT?

I. THE APOSTLE'S TEACHING.

- A. WHAT DID THE APOSTLE'S TEACHING?(**Matt. 28:19-20; Luke 10:16**).
- B. A WAY OF LIFE IS INVOLVED(**Titus 2:11-12; Col. 3:9-10; 2 Cor. 5:17**).
- C. A DOCTRINE(**Gal. 1:6-9; 1 John 4:1, 6**).

II. FELLOWSHIP.

- A. **koinonia**, "JOINT PARTICIPATION, COMMUNION OR ASSOCIATION, CONTRIBUTION IN AID."
- B. LET'S LOOK AT THESE THREE USES IN SCRIPTURE.
 - 1. Joint participation(**Rom. 12:4-8; Eph. 4:15-16**).
 - a. **Ex. 17:8-13**. Aaron and Hur hold up Moses' hands.
 - b. **Phil. 1:3-6**. Philippian church's support of Paul.
 - 2. Communion or association(**Rom. 12:9-16**).
 - a. **1 Cor. 15:33**. Be not deceived.
 - b. **2 Cor. 6:14-15**. An unequal yoke.(**1 Pet. 4:3-4**).
 - c. Prefer one another. If evil companionships corrupt ...?
 - 3. **2 Cor. 9:13**. Liberality of your contribution. Sincerity of your fellowship.

III. BREAKING OF BREAD.

- A. JESUS INSTITUTED HIS SUPPER(**Matt. 26:26-28**).
- B. IT'S PURPOSE IS THREE-FOLD:
 - 1. A memorial(**1 Cor. 11:23-25**).
 - 2. A proclamation(**vs. 26**).
 - 3. A means of spiritual nourishment(**1 Cor. 10:16-17**).
- C. INTENDED FOR THE FIRST DAY OF **EVERY** WEEK(**Acts 20:7**).

IV. PRAYER(1 Thess. 5:17).

- A. PRAYER IS THE PRIVILEGE OF GOD'S CHILD(**Matt. 7:7-11**).
- B. BUT WE MUST BE WILLING TO HEAR GOD(**Psa. 66:18; Prov. 28:9**).
- C. THERE IS POWER IN PRAYER(**James 5:16-18**).
 - 1. If we ask in faith(**James 1:6-9**).
 - 2. If we ask according to his will(**1 John 5:14-15**).
- D. **Phil. 4:6-7. WHERE CAN WE GO?**

CONCLUSION:

- A. THE EXAMPLE OF THE TEXT - CONTINUE STEDFASTLY.
- B. **1 Cor. 15:58; Acts 2:42.**