

CBMBC Sermon Outline

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“WHEN THE SPIRIT REIGNED”

Acts 2:40-47

Summary: What happens in the church when the Holy Spirit is in control.

4 things happened in the church where the Spirit reigned and they are keys to spiritual growth and maturity in the church of today.

I. WHERE THE SPIRIT REIGNED THERE WAS SOUND TEACHING (v. 42)

1 Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.

We can note several things about this practice:

- (1) That this is not some form of primitive communism or socialism.
- (2) The early believers did not sell everything as some have tried to say.
- (3) What actually happened was that personal property was sold “as anyone might have need.”
- (4) Acts 5:4 indicates that such selling was purely voluntary.
- (5) In no other churches of Acts was this pattern of selling property repeated.

II. WHERE THE SPIRIT REIGNED THERE WAS SHARING FELLOWSHIP

“And they continued stedfastly in fellowship,”

Acts 2:44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; Acts 2:45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

III. WHERE THE SPIRIT REIGNED THERE WAS SPONTANEOUS WORSHIP (v. 42,46-47)

“And they continued stedfastly in the breaking of bread, and in prayers....”

“If worship does not change us, it has not been worship. To stand before the Holy One of eternity is to change. Worship begins with holy expectancy; it ends in holy obedience.” - Richard Foster.

Act 2:43 “..... and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

IV. WHERE THE SPIRIT REIGNED THERE WAS SINCERE EVANGELISM (v 41, 47)

Acts 2:47 “.....And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved”.