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The Apostle's Doctrine: The Foundation of the Early Christian Church

Acts 2:42-47

The Believers Form a Community

⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' ^[a]doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ⁴⁵ and ^[b] sold their possessions and goods, and divided ^[c] them among all, as anyone had need.

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⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added ^[d] to the church daily those who were being saved.

Key Elements Of The Early Church

- 1. Steadfast in doctrine**
- 2. Regular fellowship**
- 3. Breaking bread together**
- 4. Devoted to prayer**
- 5. Signs and wonders**
- 6. Sharing of resources**
- 7. Daily gatherings**
- 8. Church growth**

Who Were The Twelve Apostles?

- **Chosen by Jesus Christ**
- **Witnesses to His life, ministry, death, and resurrection**
- **Tasked with spreading the Gospel**
- **Foundation of the Christian Church**

The Role Of The Apostles?

- **Spread Christianity post-resurrection**
- **Performed miracles**
- **Established churches**
- **Many martyred for their faith**
- **The Apostle Paul's role in reaching Gentiles**

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2. Repentance and Faith

3. Baptism and Holy Spirit

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8. Holy Living

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Key Elements Of Apostles' Doctrine

1. Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior

- Jesus as Messiah
- Redemption through death and resurrection
- Exclusive path to salvation

2. Repentance and Faith

- Turning from sin
- Faith in Christ
- Reconciliation with God

Key Elements Of Apostles' Doctrine

3. Baptism and Holy Spirit

- Public declaration of faith
- Reception of Holy Spirit
- Acts of obedience

4. The Resurrection

- Cornerstone of preaching
- Victory over sin and death
- Multiple eyewitnesses

Key Elements Of Apostles' Doctrine

5. The Authority of Scripture

- Hebrew Scriptures as God's Word
- Christ-centred interpretation
- Apostolic writings & letters

6. Unity and Fellowship

- Shared resources
- Mutual support
- Community life

Key Elements Of Apostles' Doctrine

7. Prayer and Worship

- Essential spiritual practices
- Breaking of bread
- Regular communion

8. Holy Living

- Spirit-filled life
- Christ-like character
- Obedience to God

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9. Second Coming

- Promise of Christ's return
- Living in readiness
- Future hope

Summary

- Christ-centred teaching
- Personal transformation
- Holy Spirit's presence
- Church growth and influence

