

Be Reformed – Open the bible: study, dig and ask what the main point of the passage is

Be Charismatic – Expect the Holy Spirit: ask God to speak, minister, build up and lead us to maturity

Be Community – Love God's people: share vulnerably, apply, pray and build each other up

Be Missional – Win the world: apply lessons to outreach, make content accessible to non-Christians

Acts 2:30-36

30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, 31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. 33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
35 until I make your enemies your footstool.”

36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

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Summary

Christianity has spread through the world since the days of the early church. Because of its prevalence today, we often see it as a culture, or a movement, or a group that we associate with like we associate with any other group. This is not so.

Every Christian enters the kingdom one by one. We are saved by the grace and transforming power of God. We become hungry for different things. Like the early Christians, we should devote ourselves to God, to teaching, doctrine, community, prayer and being in unity.

They loved God, loved one another, loved those outside the community, they went on mission, they lived with the Good News of the gospel at the tip of their tongue, always burning in their hearts. They took every excuse to talk about Jesus.

These Christians were radically empowered. They had more than the power that was natural to them as men. They produced the evidence of God's power – miracles, faith, circumstances, endurance – so that no man could ever deny that God's hand was in this.

The church faced opposition from outside and from within. They were persecuted and they faced unbelief and false teaching from within, but they endured and flourished by the power of the Spirit.

Key points

The church is the community of God on God's mission, with God's power through His Spirit.

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Questions

- >>What is the church like where you live?
- >>How does a person join the church?
- >>What happens to a person who joins the church?
- >>How do we love God with heart, mind, soul and strength?
- >>Is the power of God active in you and in evidence to those who look at your church community?
- >>What would make a person take every excuse to talk about Jesus?

Final thoughts

Ask God to increase your hunger for Him and your love for His people, the church.