

LESSONNOTES

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1. Central is an exciting church.

A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders.

Acts 2:43

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ²Suddenly, there was a sound from Heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. ⁵At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. ⁶When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers. ⁷They were completely amazed. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee, ⁸and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages!"

Acts 2:1 – 8

³What makes us think we can escape if we ignore this great salvation that was first announced by the Lord Jesus Himself and then delivered to us by those who heard Him speak? ⁴And God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever He chose.

Hebrews 2:3 – 4

⁷Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Nazarene, get up and walk!" Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. ⁸He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them. ⁹All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. ¹⁰When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded!

- This miracle was undeniable.
- This miracle was immediate.
- This miracle was complete.
- This miracle was unconditional.

¹³He knocked at the door in the gate, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to open it. ¹⁴When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the door, she ran back inside and told everyone, "Peter is standing at the door!" ¹⁵"You're out of your mind!" they said. When she insisted, they decided, "It must be his angel."
Acts 12:13 – 15

2. Central is a sharing church.

⁴⁴All the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.
Acts 2:44 – 45

- They saw the need.

³⁵"I was hungry, and you fed Me. I was thirsty, and you gave Me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited Me into your home. ³⁶I was naked, and you gave Me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for Me. I was in prison, and you visited me. ³⁷Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see You hungry and feed You? Or thirsty and give You something to drink? ³⁸Or a stranger and show You hospitality? Or naked and give You clothing? ³⁹When did we ever see You sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these My brothers and sisters, you were doing it to Me!'"
Jesus in Matthew 25:35 – 40

- They sacrificed their stuff.

⁴⁴The believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.

Acts 2:44 – 45

- **They trusted the church.**

³²All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had.

³³The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all. ³⁴There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them ³⁵and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.

Acts 4:32 – 35

Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

Galatians 6:10

"What do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?"

Jesus in Matthew 16:26

"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in Me will live, even after dying."

Jesus in John 11:25

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