

Brookland Baptist Church
Bible Study
Rev. Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr., Pastor
Rev. Dr. James A. Jamison, Facilitator

Lecture IX

March 30, 2022

The Book of Acts
Acts 2:43-47

THE BELIEVERS MEET TOGETHER
Acts 2:43–47

Last week we ended the discussion about true repentance. I want to share these terms for a review of clarity in light of current events.

Remember, the word “repent” is metanoeo — referring to a complete turn in the way one thinks, lives, or acts. For a person to repent, he must simply make up his mind to change.

So, what is the difference between guilt, remorse, regret, and repentance?

- (Metamelomai) - Guilt - is a prison that will keep you perpetually bound and unchanged.
- (Metamelomai) - Remorse - enslaves you in sorrow that engulfs you emotionally and leaves you feeling sad, depressed, hopeless, and unchanged.
- (Metamelomai) - Regret - is self-pity that is focused more on your own personal loss than on the pain or loss you caused to others or to the heart of God, and it leaves you unchanged.
- (Metanoeo) - Repentance - is a quality decision to change — and when genuine repentance occurs in a person’s heart and mind, you can be sure the Holy Spirit will release His power to effect change in that person’s life and lead him to freedom!
- (Metanoia) - Change - in one's way of life resulting from penitence or spiritual conversion.

"What God and Peter demanded of people was metanoia, repentance, a complete change of heart; a complete turn in the way one thinks, lives, or acts.

Acts 2:43-47

These verses provide a concise example of what the early church was about; they also

provide a model of what the modern church should look like as well.

Acts 2:43 -

“Then fear came over everyone, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles.”

The word awe is the Greek word literally translated as “fear.” This definition of awe was partly caused by the many miraculous signs and wonders performed by the apostles, indicating God’s approval of the church. The “wonders were fabulous miracles that evoked awe in those who saw them. These “miraculous signs” were given to authenticate the message and to let everyone know that they came from a divine source.

Acts 2:44–45 -

44 “Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. 45 They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as anyone had a need.”

It was a sharing Church. These early Christians had an intense feeling of responsibility for each other. A real Christian cannot bear to have too much when others have too little. When a need arose, believers would sell their possessions to help those in need.

Acts 2:46–47 -

46 “Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple complex, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with a joyful and humble attitude, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to them those who were being saved.”

They continued “with one accord” in the Temple because they had one purpose and goal. They ate their food with joy and oneness of heart. They ate with no conflict, strife, or divisions in their ranks, for they showed kindness to all people.

You see, The Christians you meet in the Book of Acts were not content to meet once a week for “services as usual.” They met daily, cared daily, won souls daily, searched the Scriptures daily, and increased in number daily. Their Christian faith was a day-to-day reality is not a once-a-week routine. Why? Because the risen Christ was a living reality to them, and His resurrection power was at work in their lives through the Spirit.