

LIVING UNITED

Acts 1-8

**God intends His church to be a community of Christians
who are committed to living united.**

I. SHARING ...

A. INSTRUCTION

1. Learning from Christ (1:4-8)
2. Devoted to the Apostle's teaching (2:42a)

B. EXPERIENCES

1. The ascension of Christ (1:9-11)
2. The filling of the Holy Spirit (2:1-4)

C. PRAYERS

1. Devoting themselves to prayer (1:12-14 and 2:42)
2. Seeking God's will for an apostle (1:24)
3. For boldness in witness (4:29-31)

D. DECISIONS

1. Selecting an apostle (1:15-26)
2. Choosing administrators (6:1-6)

E. COMMITMENTS (2:42) > Continually devoting themselves

F. SUPPORT

1. Selling possessions and sharing the proceeds (2:44-45)
2. None greedy or needy (4:32-37)

II. SERVING ...

A. SPEAKING OF GOD'S MIGHTY DEEDS (2:5-11)

B. TESTIFYING (2:32-33) > Of Christ's resurrection (32) and the Spirit's reception (33)

III. CELEBRATING ...

A. GOD'S PRESENCE (2:43) > Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe

B. GOD'S PRAISE (2:47) > Extolling and lifting Him up

Over please >

C. GOD'S POWER (4:24)

- They refused to focus on the threat and chose to focus on the creator

D. GOD'S PREDISTINATION (4:27-28)

- The things that happened to Jesus were controlled by God

IV. **INSPIRING ...** > Some observations

A. LIFE TOGETHER CAN QUICKLY EXPAND

- 120 people (1:15); 3,000 saved (2:41); 5,000 believers (4:4); Multitudes (5:14); Increasing greatly ... (6:7)

B. LIFE TOGETHER CAN BE EXHILARATING (2:46)

1. Eating meals together with gladness
2. Eating together with sincerity or simplicity

C. LIFE TOGETHER CAN BE ENTICING (2:47)

- The way they lived caused them to have favor with all men!

D. LIFE TOGETHER CAN BE EMPOWERING (4:32)

- They had a shared purpose and passion

E. LIFE TOGETHER CAN BE EXCITING (4:33)

- Abundant grace was upon them all

F. LIFE TOGETHER CAN BE INTERESTING (5:12)

- Many signs and wonders were taking place among them

G. LIFE TOGETHER CAN BE HIGHLY ESTEEMED (5:13)

- There was a holy fear of these saint's sanctification ... yet with a high regard for their holiness

CONCLUSION:**To live united we have to unite**

- Are you committed to attendance and participation at FRBC?

What is your relationship with others in this church?

- Do you know and fellowship with them?

Will you ask God what more you can do to encourage a unified church?

- Are you willing to share, serve and celebrate together?

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