# **A Pentecosted People (Part 2)**

Acts 2:40–42

# Instructions

• Will you take your Bibles and turn to [Acts 2:40–42](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ac2.40-47)?

• Please search the Scriptures with us. We’re in the New Testament, which is in the last quarter of the Bible. Don’t be afraid to use your index.

• If you don’t have a Bible but have a smartphone, you can download the Y-O-U Version Bible App. Once you download it, you can go to the “More” tab, tap “Events,” and find Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, and you can see the Scripture, notes, quotes, and references.

# Context

On Pentecost Sunday, the Apostle Peter’s first sermon brought forth instant results. The crowds responded with shouts of “What must we do to be saved!” Peter implored them to receive Jesus’ gift of forgiveness of sin and a relationship with the Holy Spirit through repentance of sin and baptism in the name of the Triune God. The rest of the chapter describes what happened to these people. The Holy Spirit immediately changed how they related to God, the Apostles, unbelievers, and each other. The Holy Spirit caused them to persist obstinately in or be stubborn about hearing apostolic doctrine, which is biblical preaching. But Dr. Luke isn’t finished. Instead, he reminds us of what else the Holy Spirit wants to do in Christ’s Church. It is to these four things that, when we discover that we have neglected them, we repent and return to them immediately and constantly.

# The Question

* What are the priorities of a Pentecosted people?

# Take-Home Truth

### A Pentecosted people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_ priorities.

### Priority #2: *\_\_\_\_\_* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* **The Koinonia is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ commonality that results in shared \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

### \_\_\_\_\_\_ Mt. Carmel.

**Church Covenant**

Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do so in the presence of God, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the Church and the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale of, and use of, intoxicating drinks as a beverage; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feelings and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense; but, always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God’s word.

* **Church membership is all about a church taking specific \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for you and you taking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_for the church.**

### \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. **Acts 2:44–45 (CSB) 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 any had need.
2. **Philippians 1:5 (CSB) — 5** because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.
3. **Philippians 4:14–16 (CSB) — 14** Still, you did well by partnering with me in my hardship. **15** And you Philippians know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving except you alone. **16** For even in Thessalonica you sent gifts for my need several times.

### \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**In Koinonia, different gifts are combined for effective service (1 Corinthians 12:4–7;** **Romans 12:4–8).**

**1 Peter 4:10 (CSB) — 10** Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God.

John Calvin: Whatever we obtain from the Lord is granted on the condition of our employing it for the common good of the Church, and, therefore, the legitimate use of all our gifts is a kind and liberal communication of them with others. There cannot be a surer rule, nor a stronger exhortation to the observance of it, than when we are taught that all the endowments that we possess are divine deposits entrusted to us for the very purpose of being distributed for the good of our neighbor.

# Repent and be baptized

Before we give you the right hand of fellowship, know that you profess that the Lord has converted you, and in Jesus is your righteousness and trust.

**Galatians 2:9a (CSB)** When James, Cephas, and John—those recognized as pillars—acknowledged the grace that had been given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to me and Barnabas, agreeing that we should go to the Gentiles…

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Lord, open our eyes to the truth of Your Word, order our priorities, and add to our Church daily those who are being saved, for we long for such. In Jesus’ name. Amen.