

Being a 1st Century Church in 2009: Acts 29 Church
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As we become a 1st Century Church, we must...

1. BUILD ON THE ROCK (JESUS)

1 Corinthians 3:11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

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2. COME TO OUR SENSES

Luke 15 (Prodigal Son)

- We are BROKEN
- We must REPENT
- We must RETURN to our Father
- We will be RESTORED

Jesus has made a way for us to be restored to our Heavenly Father. ** THE CROSS **

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3. SERVE IN THE SPIRITS POWER

Acts 2:4

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and BEGAN...

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4. PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Acts 20:24 (Paul sailing past Ephesus to Jerusalem)

However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me-the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.

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5. GENEROUS GIVERS

Acts 4:32-35

32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.

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6. HEALING AGENTS

Matt 8:3 Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man.

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7. DEVOTED

Acts 2:42-47

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43-46... 47... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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8. RESPOND TO NEED

Acts 6:6-7

6 They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. 7 So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly...

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9. TRUST GOD IN THE JOURNEY

Acts 7:5

God promised [Abraham] that he and his descendants after him would possess the land, even though at that time Abraham had no child.

God is ALWAYS Faithful to fulfill His Promises.

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10. TRANSFORMED BY CHRIST

Acts 9:18-20

18 Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, 20 At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

GOD IS STILL WRITING HIS STORY.

Acts 29 is Our Chapter!