

An Extraordinary God... Does Extraordinary Work

The Ordinary Church

Through Ordinary People, Doing Ordinary Things,



Acts 2

36 Therefore let all Israel know with certainty that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ!”



Acts 2

37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and asked Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2

39 This promise belongs to you and your children and to all who are far off—to all whom the Lord our God will call to Himself.”

40 With many other words he testified, and he urged them, “Be saved from this corrupt generation.”

41 Those who embraced his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to the believers that day.

Acts 2

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

43 A sense of awe came over everyone, and the apostles performed many wonders and signs.

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The Apostle's Teaching

1 Thessalonians 2

13 And we continually thank God because, when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as the true word of God—

the word which is now at work in you who believe.

The Apostle's Teaching

Isaiah 45

**22 Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth;
for I am God, and there is no other.**

1 Corinthians 1

21 For since in the wisdom of God, the world through its wisdom did not know Him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

The Apostle's Teaching

1. The Apostle's teaching in our **Worship**
2. The Apostle's teaching in our **Preaching/Teaching**
3. The Apostle's teaching in our **Evangelism**
4. The Apostle's teaching in our **Discipleship**
5. The Apostle's teaching in our **Family Life**
6. The Apostle's teaching in our **Personal Life**
7. The Apostle's teaching in our **Prayer Life**

The Fellowship

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- “gathered assembly”

The Breaking Of Bread

Ephesians 3

10 His purpose was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,

11 according to the eternal purpose that He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayer

Romans 12

12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
persistent in prayer.

ESV - Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be
constant in prayer.

NASB - rejoicing in hope, persevering in
tribulation, **devoted to prayer,**

NKJV - rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation,
continuing steadfastly in prayer;

Why Such Ordinary Means of Grace?

1. They are timeless
2. They are available to all
3. They are God-powered; not man-powered
4. God is unimpressed with our sophistication; but He rewards persevering, obedient faith
5. God does 99.999% of His work through the unspectacular
6. They bring glory to God - Not the Church

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