

## **The Birth of the Christian Church**

### **3. HOW TO HAVE AN “AWFUL” CHURCH – Acts 2:40-47**

#### **A SEPARATED CHURCH (vs. 41)**

*“they were baptized”*

**First they accepted the message THEN they were baptized**

#### **A STEADFAST CHURCH (vs. 42)**

*“they devoted themselves to...”*

- the Truth (the apostles teaching)
- the Tie that binds (fellowship)
- the Table (breaking of bread)
- the Throne of God (Prayer)

#### **A SUPERNATURAL CHURCH (vs. 43)**

*“many wonders and miraculous signs...”*

#### **A SINGULAR CHURCH (vs. 44)**

*“All the believer’s were together and had everything in common.”*

- *John 17:20-23*
- *Jesus prayed for unity within the church.*

#### **A SACRIFICIAL CHURCH (vs. 45)**

*“giving to everyone who had need.”*

- *not a call to Communism*
- *a formation of family*

#### **A SPIRITUAL CHURCH (vs. 46-47)**

#### **A SUCCESSFUL CHURCH (vs. 47b)**

*“the Lord added to their number daily...”*