

The New Testament Church

Eight things about Real Christianity –

1. _____.

“For forty days after his crucifixion, Jesus met with his followers many times. And he proved in many ways that he was truly alive. He talked to them about the Kingdom of God. One time while eating a meal with them, Jesus told them, ‘Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the Spirit he promised I’m with you now, but I’m going back to heaven and I’m going to come back in Spirit form and I’m going to be in you, not just with you.’” – Acts 1 (APV)

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you... And you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and to the ends of the earth.” – Acts 1:8

There’s a direct connection in our life with power and prayer.

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a noise like a strong blowing wind came from heaven and filled the whole house. They saw something like flames of fire that were separated and stood over each person. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to speak with different languages by the power the Holy Spirit was giving them.” – Acts 2:1-2

*“I will build my church.” – Matthew 16:18 **My church will be powerful, radical, and multi-cultural.***

“Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.” – Acts 2:43

“The kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.” – 1 Corinthians 4:20

2. _____.

“They all began to speak different languages so the Spirit gave each of them the power to express themselves.” – Acts 2:4

“There were religious Jews staying in Jerusalem who had come from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages. In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, ‘These people who are talking like this are just Galileans! How is it then that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages? All of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things God has done.’” – Acts 2:5-11 (GNT)

You use your language to reach people only you can reach with the good news.

3. _____.

“Then Peter stood up and said ‘These people are not drunk as you might suppose. It’s only nine o’clock in the morning!’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit on everyone. Your sons and daughters will proclaim my message; your young men will see visions, and your old men will have dreams. Yes, even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will all proclaim my message. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’” – Acts 2:14-16 (GNT)

4. _____.

"It is the truth that sets you free." – John 8:32

"Peter... addressed the crowd: let me explain this to you... Listen carefully to what I say. This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel. 'I will show wonders in the heaven above, signs on the earth below and everybody who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'" – Acts 2:14-21

"Those who accepted his message were baptized and about three thousand were added to their number that day." – Acts 2:40

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching." – Acts 2:42

5. _____.

"They took part in the fellowship, sharing in the fellowship meals and in praying together." – Acts 2:42

"All the believers continued together in close fellowship." – Acts 2:42

"They lived in wonderful harmony." – Acts 2:42 (MSG)

"Greet one another with a holy kiss." – Rom. 16:16, 1 Cor. 16:20, 1 Thes. 5:26, 1 Peter 5:14

6. _____.

Worship is a celebration.

Two reasons why unbelievers don't become Christians: 1. _____

_____. 2. _____.

"They continued to worship together in the temple courts... praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people." – Acts 2:46

"You've shown me the paths that lead to life; and your presence fills me with joy." – Acts 2:46.

"Because of this my heart will be glad, my words will be joyful and I will live in hope." – Acts 2:26

7. _____.

"All the believers shared everything with each other. They would sell their land and the things they owned and then give the money to anybody who needed it." – Acts 4:32

"They shared their meals with great joy and generosity." – Acts 2:46

8. _____.

"People liked what they saw. So every day their number grew as God added to those who were being saved." – Acts 2:47

Reflect: How will you apply this teaching? What really stood out to you in this message?
