



#### THE BRIDE OF CHRIST



#### EPHESIANS 5:25-32

- V25 just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her
- V27 to present her to himself as a radiant church... holy and blameless
- V29 no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church
- V30 for we are members of his body
- V32 This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church

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## THE BIRTH OF THE FIRST CHURCH

And Peter said to them, "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. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

ACTS 2:38-41

# CROOKED/PERVERSE/CORRUPT 4X IN NT (SKOLIOS)

...we are children of God, live different from this crooked generation. We shall shine among them like stars in the sky.

PHILIPPIANS 2:15

## WHAT DID THE FIRST CHURCH LOOK LIKE?

<sup>42</sup> And they **devoted themselves** to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

ACTS 2-42-47

#### DEVOTED:

Proskartereó: to attend constantly / steadfastly / earnest toward

The new faith community was different. They were devoted to a few things.

## THE NEW FAITH COMMUNITY WAS:

- 1. Scriptural Biblical teaching
- 2. Spiritual Prayer, praise and worship, signs and wonders
- 3. Relational Fellowship, breaking bread, sharing life together
- 4. Missional Hospitable, reaching the unchurched

## 1. SCRIPTURAL: BIBLICAL TEACHING

Early Christians became fluent in Scripture by listening to the communal reading and teaching of God's word. They memorized and recited it to one another thousands of times over. Scriptures were being weaved into hymns and sung during worship.

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# 2. SPIRITUAL: PRAYER, PRAISE AND WORSHIP, SIGNS AND WONDERS

The early Church lived irresistible Christian lives, walking in the Spirit.

They faced the hostile world, walking in the power of the Holy Spirit. Supernatural was natural to them.

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# 3. RELATIONAL: FELLOWSHIP, BREAKING BREAD, SHARING LIFE TOGETHER

Koinonia - fellowship, sharing in common

"They walk in all humility and kindness, and falsehood is not found among them, and they love one another. They despise not the widow, and grieve not the orphan. He that hath distributed liberally to him that hath not. If they see a stranger they bring him under their roof, and rejoice over him, as it were their own brother: for they call themselves brethren, not after the flesh, but after the Spirit and in God; but when one of their poor passes away from the world, and any of them see him, then he provides for his burial according to his ability; and if they hear that any of their number is imprisoned or oppressed for the name of their Messiah, all of them provide for his needs, and if it is possible he may be delivered, they deliver him. And if there is a man among them that is poor and needy, and they have not among them an abundance of necessaries, they fast two or three days that they may supply the needy with their necessary food."

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## HOW DOES DEVOTION TO RELATIONSHIPS LOOK LIKE?

- Belong Life Groups
- Build Serving

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:27















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#### PRE-REQUISITES

- You're a believer.
- You desire to grow and build with us.

My Spiritual Family is an event designed to help you understand what it means to be part of Every Nation Church Malaysia.



25 or 26 May 2024 6:45pm - 9:30pm or 12:45pm - 3:30pm

Annex Hall



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