



I ♥ MY
CHURCH

Order of Service | Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 2019

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TO LOVE WHAT HE LOVES

God's family is known as the church = **Ekklesia** = "called out ones"

The church, the *ekklesia*, is a group of **people**, not places.

The birth of the New Testament church, Acts chapter 2

Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity - all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. Acts 2:41-47 (NLT)

How to be a part of what God loves, His family...*ekklesia*

1. I must choose to believe and belong.

Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day... (vs. 41)

For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. Ephesians 5:25-26 (NLT)

2. I must choose His truth over my own desires.

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching... (vs. 42)

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. 2 Tim. 3:16 (ESV)

3. I must choose to commit and contribute to His family and its purpose.

...and to fellowship... (vs. 42)

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn... Romans 12:15 (NIV)

Bear one another's burdens ... Galatians 6:2 (ESV)

So encourage each other and build each other up... 1 Thess. 5:11 (NLT)

4. I must commit to bring God joy by loving Him and His family.

...and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. (vs. 42)

Going deeper on your own: Pastor Jay commented that every family is governed by a set of core values whether they recognize them or not. Would you agree, or disagree? Assuming this is true, have you ever looked at your family and discovered what truly governs your family? Read Acts 2:41-47 slowly and out loud. Write out what this New Testament church established as its core values. If you had a family that was based upon these core values, would you want to be a part of it? Unfortunately in today's Christian community, it has been said, "I love Christ, I just don't love the church." Why do you think someone would make this statement? Read Ephesians 5:21-29 and take special note of how Christ loves the church and what He actually did for it. SO, here is the simple question: Do you love God's church? What is one thing you can do this week to express your love for what He loves? Do it this week and then write us at stories@centerpointchurch.com and tell us your story.