

## **The Coming of the Promised Holy Spirit** **Acts 2:42-43**

How do I know if I gladly received the word of God?

**(1) "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine..." (Acts 2.42)**

Sunday School is the best place to receive the Word.

**2) Fellowship (Acts 2.42) -- "...in the breaking of bread,"**

Fellowship is experienced as we do the work of God together.

- Genuine fellowship is from God
- Fellowship builds strong personal relationships.
- Genuine fellowship fosters the love of Christ
- Fellowship is a gift from Christ.
- Others benefit from fellowship with us.

Sunday School is the best place to participate in Biblical fellowship.

**(3) Prayer (Acts 2.42) -- The Biblical purpose of prayer is personal transformation.**

- Prayer is an opportunity to bring our will into line with God's plan.
- Prayer is an opportunity to demonstrate our trust in God.
- Prayer reflects our dependence on God
- We should pray with confidence in God's grace
- We should pray with humility and sincerity
- Weekly prayer guide for our Church (Evangelism)

Sunday School is the best place to pray with fellow believers.

**4) "...fear came upon every soul" -- (Acts 2.43) Malachi 1:6 (NKJV) <sup>6</sup>"A son honors *his* father, And a servant *his* master. If then I am the Father, Where *is* My honor? And if I *am* a Master, Where *is* My reverence? Says the LORD of hosts To you priests who despise My name. Yet you say, 'In what way have we despised Your name?'**

According to these verses what was the end result of those people gladly receiving the Word of God?

**"...and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles."** (Metonymically of persons sent from God, whose character and acts are a manifestation of the divine power, things out of the ordinary.)