

MESSAGE NOTES

“Devotion: Menu for the Miraculous”

Part one of the series: “Blessed”

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“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. ³⁹For 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.’ ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this crooked generation.’ ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. ⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.” (Acts 2:38-43 ESV)

Be a devoted Christ follower, not a casual attender.

“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.” (Acts 2:38 ESV)

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me...’” (Matthew 7:21-23 ESV)

Devote yourself to God’s word.

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching...” (Acts 2:42 ESV)

*“For the word of God is living and **powerful**, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12 NKJV)*

Devote yourself to share life in a family of faith.

“And they devoted themselves...to fellowship, to the breaking of bread...”

(Acts 2:42 ESV)

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:16 ESV)

Devote yourself to prayer.

“And they devoted themselves...to prayers.” (Acts 2:42 ESV)

*“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.
¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.” (John 14:12-14
ESV)*