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● Apostles' Doctrine:

- Those of God hear the apostles -- **1 John 4:4-6**
- The apostles doctrine is the Lord's commandments -- **2 John 9; 1 Corinthians 14:37**
- Given by God to edify the church -- **Ephesians 4:11-16**
- They studied it daily in the temple -- **Acts 2:46**
- We must be diligent to study it -- **2 Timothy 2:15**
- Do not think beyond what is written -- **1 Corinthians 4:6**
- It is good for teaching and correcting -- **2 Timothy 3:10-17**
- Their doctrine filled Jerusalem -- **Acts 5:28**

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- Fellowship:

- Definition- joint participation towards a common goal.
 - » **other words associated:** communion, partake, accord
- God calls us to have fellowship with Him - 1Corinthians 1:9
- We are in fellowship with one another, the apostles, the Father and His Son when we walk in the light - 1John 1:3-7
- We are in fellowship when we work towards a common goal - Galatians 2:9
- We fellowship with workers through financial support - 2Corinthians 8:4
- What fellowship do we have with unbelievers? - 2Corinthians 6:14-16

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- Fellowship:

- They were all with one accord

- » They were all joined together -- Acts 5:12
- » They were joined in the Father and the Son -- 1 John 1:3
- » Be like minded in comfort, affection, and love -- Phillipians 2:1-2

- They had fellowship in caring for each other

- » No one lacked for they cared for one another -- Acts 4:32-35
- » They gave to needy saints in Jerusalem -- 1 Corinthians 16:1-3; 2 Corinthians 8:3-5; 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

- They had fellowship in giving to God

- » Their giving to Paul was a pleasing sacrifice to God -- Phillipians 4:15-18
- » Workers in gospel should live from gospel -- 1 Corinthians 9:11-14

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- Principles of Fellowship:
 - We Must Walk in the Light or fellowship is broken.
 - » 1John 1:6-7 --- 2Thessalonians 3:6-15
 - We Must Endeavor to Keep the Unity, yet we do not need perfect understanding.
 - » Ephesians 4:6 --- Romans 14, 15:1-2
 - We Must Be Joined In The Same Mind, but we do not yet have complete understanding.
 - » 1 Corinthians 1:10, 2:16 --- 1Corinthians 8:1-13
 - We Cannot Go Beyond The Doctrine of Christ, but beware lest you fall from your own firmness.
 - » 2John 9-11 --- 2Peter 3:14-18

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● Breaking of Bread:

– The Lord's Supper

- » They all came together on Sunday for this -- Acts 20:7
- » In remembrance of Jesus -- Luke 22:14-20
- » We keep the feast with an unleavened heart -- 1 Corinthians 5:7-8
- » Paul explains the purpose of the memorial -- 1
Corinthians 11:17-34

– Eating together from house to house

- » They ate together with gladness and simplicity of heart -- Acts 2:46

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● Prayers:

– They continued to pray together

- » The church prayed for Peter -- Acts 12:5,12
- » Paul instructs to pray for all -- 1 Timothy 2:1-2, 8
- » We pray so others may say "Amen" -- 1 Corinthians 14:15-16

– They continued to pray in private

- » Peter goes up to roof to pray -- Acts 10:9
- » Pray in private and you will be rewarded openly -- Matthew 6:5-6

– Be persistent in prayer

- » Cornelius prayed to God always -- Acts 10:1-2
- » Pray without ceasing -- 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- » Be persistent in your prayers -- Luke 18:1-8
- » Pray with boldness -- Hebrews 4:16