

WHY THE EARLY CHURCH GREW SO FAST

Mark 16:15; Colossians 1:23

INTRODUCTION

- A. Backgrounds for our texts.
- B. Example of those of the first century. RO 10:13-18.

DISCUSSION

I. GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

- A. About 3000 on Pentecost – Acts 2:41.
- B. Growth is seen in Acts 4:4.
- C. “Multitudes” – Acts 5:14.
- D. “Multiplied” – Acts 6:1.
- C. “Multiplied in Jerusalem greatly” – 6:7.
- D. Jesus told them this would happen – MT 13:31-32.

II. WHY THE EARLY CHURCH GREW SO FAST.

- A. They believed their message. Acts 4:19-20; 8:1, 4; 7; 1 CO 11:23-28; PR 23:23.
- B. Were diligent in teaching. Acts 5:42; Acts 6:1; RO 1:16; Acts 8:1.
- C. Made a united effort. Acts 2:44-45; 1 CO 1:10; RO 14:19; Acts 6:1-3.
- D. Were concerned for purity of the church. EP 5:25-27; 2 CO 6:17; 1 TI 5:22; RO 12:1-2.
- E. Were sacrificial. Acts 2:45; RO 12:1; MT 16:24; LK 14:26-33.
- F. Review.

CONCLUSION

- A. Do YOU believe the message?
- B. Are YOU diligent in teaching?
- C. Are YOU united with the brethren here?
- D. Are YOU concerned for the purity of the church?
- E. Are YOU living a sacrificial life?