

## Growing Closer

“Growing Closer To God”

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Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

Revelation 19:7 (NIV)

...Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Ephesians 5:25-27 (NIV)

**Big Idea: If you want to grow closer to God, get Closer To His Bride.**

## How To Love The Church

### 1. Pray For God's Power.

They...were constantly united in prayer... Acts 1:14 (NLT)

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a noise like a strong, blowing wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw something like flames of fire that were separated and stood over each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak different languages by the power the Holy Spirit was giving them. Acts 2:1-4 (NCV)

A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. Acts 2:43 (NLT)

### 2. Honor God's Word.

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching... Acts 2:42 (NLT)

Then Peter stood up...raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "...let me explain this to you...this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel "“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people...I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below...And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)

#### The Gospel

- Jesus is God! His miracles prove it v.22
- He died on the cross v.23
- God raised him back to life v. 24-32
- This give us gladness, joy & hope! v. 26
- He sent his Spirit from heaven v. 33-35
- We must repent & be baptized v. 36-38
- We will be given his Holy Spirit v 38b-39
- We must live differently from the world v 40

### 3. Worship With Joy.

They worshiped together at the Temple...praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. Acts 2:46-47 (NLT)

You have shown me the way of life, and you will fill me with the joy of your presence. Acts 2:28 (NLT)

...I see that the LORD is always with me...No wonder my heart is glad, and my tongue shouts his praises! Acts 2:25-26 (NLT)