

# “... And They Continued Steadfastly...”

Acts 2:42-47

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“And” is a connecting conjunction. The word serves as a link joining parts of a sentence. It expresses a \_\_\_\_\_ to what has been declared thus far. (Webster’s Dict.)

In this one verse of our text we have f\_\_\_\_\_ “ands”. They set before us what we are to see as f\_\_\_\_\_ vital parts of the inner functioning of a church.

## *I. “And they...” The Who*

We learn from this first “and” in our text that what is now being said is linked inseparably with what has been said b\_\_\_\_\_.

So “they” in our text refers to they that gladly received:

- a) the word that Jesus is the Messiah, the L\_\_\_\_\_; (v.36)
  - b) the call to repentance toward G\_\_\_\_\_; (v.38)
  - c) the word of forgiveness of a\_\_\_\_\_ their sins; (v.38)
  - d) the word of promise of the g\_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit; (v.38-39)
  - e) believer’s b\_\_\_\_\_; (v.38,41)
  - f) membership in the c\_\_\_\_\_ at Jerusalem. (v.41)
- I (am/am not) one of the “they”.

## *II. “And they continued stedfastly...” The How*

To “continue steadfastly” is to k\_\_\_\_\_ on doing something with perseverance, diligence, earnest desire and passion.

The following passages are examples of this:

a) We are to diligently seek to instill God’s Word in our c\_\_\_\_\_. (Deu.6:4-9; Eph.6:4) Are you?

b) Whatever we do, we should do with our m\_\_\_\_\_. (Ecc.9:10) Do you?

c) And whatsoever ye do, do *it* h\_\_\_\_\_, as to the Lord, and not unto men; (Col.3:23) Do you?

d) So run, that ye may obtain. (1Co.9:24-25) Are you?

e) King Saul was **not** steadfast in o\_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord’s Word, but Samuel w\_\_\_\_\_. (1Sa.15:13-14,33-34) Which are you like?

f) You should continue steadfastly in the Lord’s will because of the Lord’s m\_\_\_\_\_. (Rom.12:1-2)

g) The Lord commended the church at Ephesus about many things. But the church at Ephesus was lacking in that which was most important. They had left their f\_\_\_\_\_ l\_\_\_\_\_. (Rev.2:1-5)

h) The church at Laodicea was neither c\_\_\_\_\_ nor h\_\_\_\_\_. What was the Lord’s opinion of such a church? “I will s\_\_\_\_\_ thee out.” (Rev.3:14-16) What is the Lord’s opinion of you? Us?

i) To be Christian is not to be mediocre or lukewarm, but to be in love with and on f\_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord.

May Joshua’s words be our own, “but as for me and my house, we will serve the L\_\_\_\_\_.”