

“A Lighthouse Church!”

Acts 2:41-47

Acts 2:41-47 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

There are five characteristics of a lighthouse church.

I. A lighthouse church is a Jesus church.

Acts 2:22 *"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, ...--*

- A. The name of Jesus is a sweet name.
- B. The name of Jesus is a supreme name.

Phil 2:9 *... given Him the name which is above every name,*

- C. The name of Jesus is a saving name.

Acts 4:12 *..., for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

II. A lighthouse church is a disciple-making church.

Acts 2:47 *.... And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*

Matt 28:19-20 *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*

III. A lighthouse church is a worshipping church.

Acts 2:47 *praising God and having favor with all the people.*

Someone said that real worship quickens the conscience by the holiness of God; it feeds the mind with the truth of God; it purges the imagination with the beauty of God; it opens the heart to the love of God and it devotes the will to the purpose of God.

Another definition says, "Worship is the believer's response to all that He is; mind, emotion, will and body to all that God is, says and does."

Warren Wiersbe says that "worship is giving all that I am to all that God is."

A. Worship ought to be divine in its focus.

R. A. Torry said this about worship.

When we bring our prayers, we focus on our needs.

When we bring our thanksgiving, we focus on our blessings.

But when we bring our worship, we focus on our God.

B. Worship ought to be dynamic in its format.

C. Worship ought to be delightful in its force.

Robert Coleman said, "The soul is never so invigorated as when it encounters God in worship."

IV. A lighthouse church is unified church.

Acts 2:1 *..., they were all with one accord in one place.*

Acts 2:44 *..., and had all things in common,*

Acts 2:46 *So continuing daily with one accord ...,*

V. A lighthouse church is a Spirit filled church.

Acts 2:4 *And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

With God's help, Charleston Baptist Church will always be a lighthouse church.