

Four Marks of a Healthy Church

(Acts 2:42-47)

I. What Jesus says to the church at ...

- Ephesus, a busy church: Remember your _____.
- Smyrna, a suffering church: Reflect on the _____.
- Pergamum, a confused church: Recognize that you have _____.
- Thyatira, a tolerant church: Remain uncomfortable with all that _____.
- Sardis, a dying church: Revitalize your life to experience _____.
- Philadelphia, a growing church: Redeem your _____.
- Laodicea, a complacent church: Reenergize your _____.

II. What Jesus is saying to Crossroads: _____

A. Learning: _____

“They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching.” (Acts 2:42)

“Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.” 1 Peter 2:2 (NIV)

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” 2 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

- The Reason why we preach and teach the Bible here at Crossroads:
 1. It gives substance _____.
 2. It gives stability in _____.
 3. It equips us to handle the Word _____.
 4. It equips us to spot and confront _____.
 5. It makes us confident in _____.

B. Sharing: _____ *“They devoted themselves to the fellowship...”* (Acts 2:42)

“We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And the fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.”

- The Greek word for **fellowship** is *koinonia*, which means a close relationship, everything in common.

“And all those who had believed were together, and had all things in common... and were sharing them with all, as one might have need.” (Acts 2:44-45)

“But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.” (1 John 1:7)

C. Worshipping: _____

“And everyone kept feeling a sense of awe;” (Acts 2:43a)

“Praising God and having favor with all the people.” (Acts 2:47a)

- *“Euangelizamoi”* (1 Peter 1:12, 25; 4:6) vs. *“Exangelo”* (1 Peter 2:9)
- Spirit-filled worship is...
 1. Rational—it engages your _____.
 2. Volitional—it demands your _____.
 3. Emotional—it stirs your _____.

D. Growing: _____

“And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:47b)