

Wired Word January

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their numbers those who were being saved.

A Perfect World

Has anyone every responded to statement you made with the comment, "well in a perfect world." This reply is that a theory and practice come together with the intended result. Its ideas time has come.

It is like: IN A PERFECT WORLD
HOV lanes would work on interstate 80 and people would actually carpool.

Diet foods would REALLY taste like the stuff mom used to bake.

The directions and parts found in the box marked "Some assembly required" would actually making sense.

No.

The perfect world Luke is describing in Acts is a perfect Christian world that was considered the "**Golden Age**" of the church. The members of the church new the apostles personally and followed the teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer that were the bedrock of the early movement. The members of the church were in the zone and filled with the spirits power.

This Perfect World is not a small or myopic world in fact it did break through the walls of the church.

This perfect world expects us to be changed and transformed daily by the **teachings of Jesus Christ**. It is the opportunity to study and understand that Jesus is the good shepherd and as he describes in the Gospel according to John 10:1-10 that **He came that they may have life and have it abundantly**.

The perfect world is fellowship beyond coffee and cake after service. It's the **fellowship of humanity**. The willingness to be parts of real life with real people so that the Lord adds to the people being saved and not just to improving membership or attendance numbers.

The perfect world is **breaking bread** that gives us an opportunity to have lunch with coworkers, and dinner with our families. The willingness to be in **communion** with the world, by sharing with each other we go through everyday life.

The perfect world is **prayer that is listening to God**. Not filled with vain repetition and foolish ambition you He endures. We are all called and we must always be listening for the voice.

The perfect worlds are not all happy and go lucky. In times the perfect world does experience loss, grief, pain and sorrow. For in **Peter 2:19-25**, we may face our suffering and pain and through this we return to our shepherd and guardian of souls, Jesus Christ.

The perfect world allows us to understand that we are taught when we see our lives as a Biblical journey, that fellowship is the risk of getting to know people and being known whatever our baggage and their baggage is, it's the communion of sharing the burden yours and mine the good and the bad and being committed to another through the body and blood of Jesus Christ, and faith found in prayer.

In the end, traffic may not be getting better and the picture on the box may be the best directions of all in putting together toys and book shelves, however these imperfections seem minute when I look in awesome wonder at the perfect world we occupy.