# WELCOME SANFORD FAMILY & FRIENDS

#### The Distinctive Nature of the Kingdom of God

Part 4

18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Matthew 16:18-19 (NKJV)

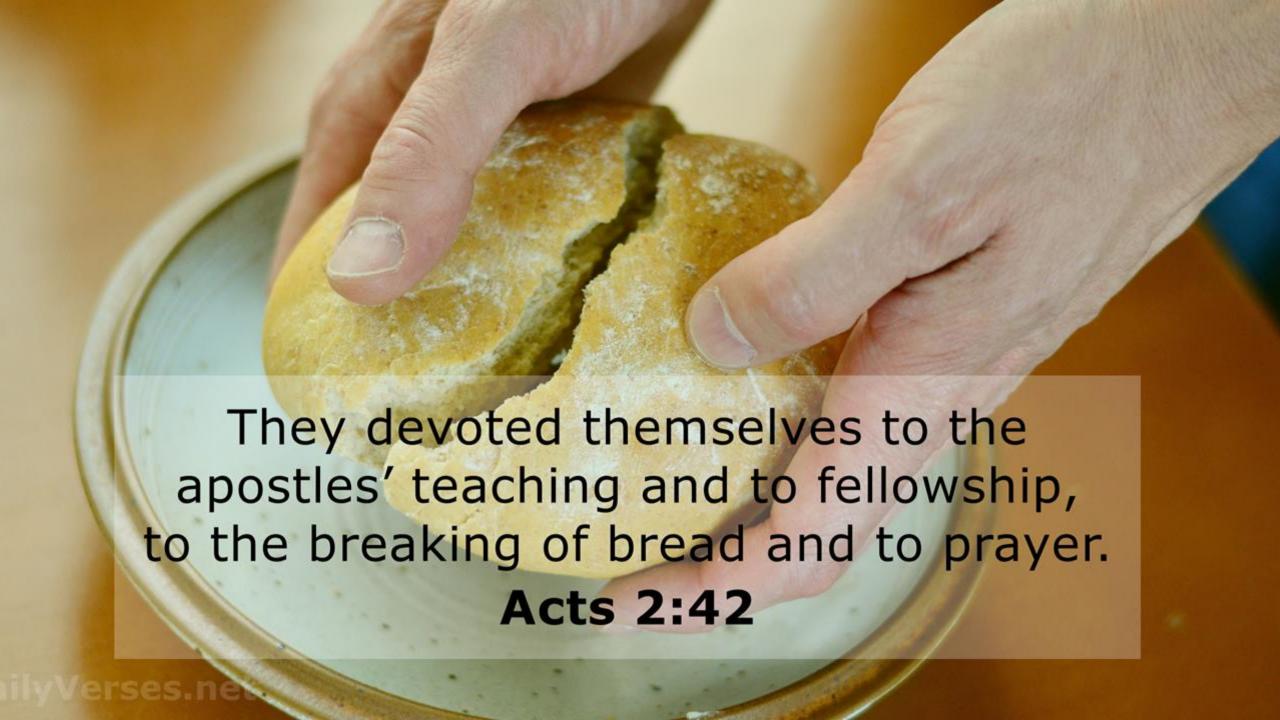
What is the biblical distinctive nature of the Kingdom of God?

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#### It is distinct in its worship!

#### John 4:23 – 24 (ESV)

23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."



#### **Acts 20:7 (ESV)**

7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight.

#### Revelation 1:10 (ESV)

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet

Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

--Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

# Is it important how we worship?

Leviticus 10:1 – 2

Leviticus 10:3

John 4:23 – 24

What is the Biblical Pattern for Worship? What is the kind of worship God desires and accepts?

The church of Christ was directed to observe and partake weekly of the Lord's Supper.

Matthew 26:29

Acts 2:42

1 Corinthians 10:16

1 Corinthians 11:23 – 26

1 Corinthians 11:27 – 29

The church of Christ was directed to take up a weekly collection from the brethren.

Acts 2:44 – 45

Acts 4:32

Acts 4:34 – 35

1 Corinthians 16:1 – 2

2 Corinthians 9:6 – 7

The church of Christ was directed to join in collective **prayer**.

Acts 2:42

Acts 12:5

Acts 12:12

The church of Christ was directed to **sing** together as a family.

Matthew 26:30

Hebrews 13:15

Ephesians 5:19 – 21

Colossians 3:14 – 17

Psalms 100

The church of Christ was directed to preach the Word of Christ.

Acts 2:42

Acts 20:7

Acts 20:27

Are you a member of that one true church that **Jesus Christ** built?

Acts 2:47 (ESV) (47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.)