

The Pre-Pentecost Church

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Had Ordination of Officers and a Treasurer

Jn. 13:29 . . . Judas had the bag . . .
Mk. 3:14 . . . he *ORDAINED* twelve . . .

Had Saved Brethren

Matt. 23:8 . . . all ye are *BRETHREN* . . .

Had Power and Authority

Lk. 9:1 . . . he called his twelve disciples . . . and gave them *POWER* and *AUTHORITY*.
Mk. 13:34 . . . the son of man . . . left his house, and gave *AUTHORITY* . . .

Had to Be in Existence to Be Died For and Added to

Eph. 5:25 . . . Christ also loved the *CHURCH*, and gave himself *FOR IT* . . .
Acts 2:41, 47 . . . the same day there were *ADDED* unto them . . . to the *CHURCH* . . .

Even Had a Ladies Aid

Lk. 8:2, 3 . . . certain *WOMEN* . . . *MINISTERED* unto him of their substance . . .

Had Services with Members and Visitors Present

Lk. 6:17 . . . the company of his *DISCIPLES*, *AND* a great *MULTITUDE* . . . came to hear him . . .

Had the Holy Spirit with and Eventually in Them

Jn. 14:17 . . . the Spirit of truth . . . *DWELLETH WITH* you . . .
Jn. 20:22 . . . he breathed on them, and saith . . . *RECEIVE YE* the Holy Ghost . . .

Had a Change of Pastors

Jn. 10:14 . . . I am the good *SHEPHERD* . . .
Jn. 21:15 . . . Jesus saith to Simon . . . feed [pastor] my lambs . . .
Acts 1:15 . . . Peter stood up in the midst of the *DISCIPLES* , and said . . .

Had Specific Missionary Fields at Various Times

Matt. 10:5, 6 . . . go not into the way of the Gentiles but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of *ISRAEL* . . .
Jn. 4:4 . . . he (Jesus) *MUST NEEDS* go through *Samaria* . . .

Had All the Commands Necessary to Be a Gospel Church

Matt. 28:20 . . . teaching them to observe *all* things whatsoever I have commanded you . . .

Had the Gospel/Remission of Sins Commission

Lk. 24:47 . . . *REMISSION OF SINS* should be preached in his name . . .
Jn. 20:23 . . . *WHOSOEVER* sins ye *REMIT*, they are remitted . . .
Matt. 28:19 . . . go ye therefore, and teach *ALL NATIONS*, baptizing them . . .

Had Its Builder, Owner, Head, Author, and Cornerstone with IT

Matt. 16:18 . . . I will *BUILD MY* church . . .
Lk. 20:17 . . . the stone . . . rejected . . . *IS BECOME* the *HEAD* of the *CORNER* . . .

Eph. 2:20 . . . Jesus Christ himself being the chief *CORNERSTONE* . . .
Matt. 23:8 . . . one is your *MASTER*, even Christ . . .
Heb. 12:2 . . . Jesus the *AUTHOR* and finisher of our faith . . .

Was a House with Authority

Mk. 13:34 . . . the son of man . . . left his *HOUSE*, and gave *AUTHORITY* . . .

The Now Dispensation Had True Worship and Worshipers

Jn. 4:23 . . . the hour cometh, and *NOW IS*, when the true *WORSHIPPERS* shall *WORSHIP* the Father in spirit and in truth . . .

Had a Charter Member Foundation

Eph. 2:20 . . . (ye) are built upon the . . . apostles and prophets . . .
1 Cor. 12:28 . . . God hath set some in the church, *FIRST APOSTLES* . . .

Had Baptized Disciples

Jn. 4:1 . . . Jesus *MADE* and *BAPTIZED* more *DISCIPLES* than John . . .

Instituted Rules of Discipline

Matt. 18:17 . . . if he neglect to hear the *CHURCH* . . .

Had Soul Winning

Jn. 1:42 . . . and he *BROUGHT HIM TO JESUS* . . .

Had a New Testament Lord's Supper

Mat 26:26,27 . . . (Jesus) said . . . this *IS MY BODY* . . . my blood of the *NEW Testament* . . .

Had a Doctrine that Could Be Continued in

Acts 2:42 . . . they *CONTINUED* . . . in the *APOSTLES' DOCTRINE* . . .

Had an Attendance Roll

Acts 1:15 . . . the *NUMBER of NAMES* together were about an hundred and twenty . . .

Had Prayer and Business Meetings

Acts 1:14 . . . these all continued with *ONE ACCORD* in *PRAYER* . . .
Acts 1:23 . . . they *APPOINTED* two [apostle nomination]. . .

Had Song Services

Matt. 26:30 . . . and when they had *SUNG* an *HYMN* . . .
Heb. 2:12 . . . in the midst of the *CHURCH* will *I SING* praise [Jesus, see Ps. 22:22]. . .

Had Unity

Acts 2:1 . . . they were all with *ONE ACCORD IN ONE PLACE* . . .