Series – Embracing God as Your Spiritual Authority

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Text: Matthew 28:18-20

### Living Under God's Authority, In the Church! (Part 2)

#### I. Review

- a. Our role as Christians
  - i. To worship God (1 Peter 4:11)
  - ii. To serve God. (1 Corinthians 12:14-28)

## II. The Purpose of the Church.

- a. Make disciples of Jesus (Matt 28:18-20)
- b. Live life together (Acts 2:37-41)

#### III. Examples from the first New Testament church. (Acts 2)

- a. Devotion to Biblical teaching. (vs 42)
  - i. Pastor's teach
    - 1. Ephesians 4:11-12
    - 2. 1 Tim 4:11
    - 3. Hosea 4:6
  - ii. People listen and learn
    - 1. 1 Timothy 4:16
- b. Devotion to fellowship (vs 42)
  - i. Fellowship = partnership
    - 1. Acts 6:1
    - 2. Hebrews 10:24-25
    - 3. Ephesians 4:1-6,15-16,25-32
- c. Christ focused (vs 42)
  - i. Communion
- d. Acceptance of the value of prayer (vs 42)
  - i. Communication is the vital link for a healthy relationship.
    - 1. Luke 18:1
    - 2. Romans 12:10 & 12

# IV. Results of the obedience of the first New Testament church. (Acts 2:43-47)

- a. Many disciples were made.
- b. People shared life.