

WORSHIP . . . LIVING TRUTH UNVEILED

Text: Acts 1:12-14, 2:1-6, 37-47
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And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.

--2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV)—

AUTHENTIC NEW COVENANT WORSHIP . . .

. . . begins with HUMILITY

Jesus said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses . . . to the end of the earth."
Acts 1:7-8 (ESV)

- **To know our PLACE**
- **To embrace our PART**

. . . implies PREPARATION and ANTICIPATION

Then they returned to Jerusalem . . . All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. . . . When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.
Acts 1:12a, 14, 2:1 (ESV)

- **Through OBEDIENCE**
- **Through consistent DEVOTION**
- **Through single-minded UNITY**

. . . is EMPOWERED by God's Spirit

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.
Acts 2:2 (ESV)

The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.
Genesis 2:7 (ESV)

- **Poured out into willing & prepared HEARTS**

. . . cries out to ALL who are SEARCHING

Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord God: I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered . . .'
Ezekiel 11:17 (ESV)

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.
Acts 2:5-6 (ESV)

- **In Ways and Words THEY can UNDERSTAND**

. . . is God's Way made VISIBLE & made KNOWN

And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? . . . And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"
Acts 2:8, 12 (ESV)

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .
Acts 2:12 (ESV)

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth . . ." Acts 2:22a (ESV)

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them . . . And he said to them, ". . . See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. . . ."
Luke 24: 36a, 39a (ESV)

- **Through the very act of gathering TOGETHER**
- **Through the WORD made flesh, Jesus Christ**
- **Through the STORY & through our STORIES**

. . . TRANSFORMS us & changes our WORLD

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers. . . . And all who believed were together and had all things in common.
Acts 2:41-42 (ESV)

- **Through joyful OBEDIENCE**
- **Through heartfelt DEVOTION**
- **Through deep and gracious UNITY**