

Communal living

Dependence on Immediate revelation

Executive (by the Holy Spirit) and  
instantaneous judgments

These, with some similar items, were the order of the day for the Acts economy but are not seen in such evidence with the structuring of the church in the rest of the New Testament.

c. The Acts Community:

It is designated as:

the way (9:2)  
the Christians (11;26)  
the church (2:47, 5:14, 11:24)  
  local group 2:47  
  local community 13:1  
  individual congregations 14:23

Its authority is seen as that of:

Apostles  
  (Dacons)  
Councils  
Elders

Its ministry centered in the synagogue...  
moved to private homes and public  
places. Church buildings as such will  
come later.

d. Notes on the Petrine ministry:

(1) Sermon on the Day of Pentecost, ch. 2

In a nutshell he connects the phenomena of the Holy Spirit to the Old Testament (Joel 2:28-32) as well as to Jesus' words, resurrection and exaltation and on the strength of this calls on the Jews to repent.

(2) Confrontation with Jewish authorities

With the Sadducees in 4:6, 16-18; 5:17 and also with Hellenistic Jews and Pharisees. Note his marked messages in these encounters and the powerful declaration that we must obey God rather than men. His is an avowedly Jesus message and it will not be set aside.