The Apostles Doctrine– A Vital Means of Grace

St. Joseph Island Free Methodist Church

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"MEANS OF GRACE" SERIES

"All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching,

and to fellowship,

and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper),

and to prayer."

–Acts 2:42 (NLT)

TODAY'S TEXT

"All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching"

1. What believers? What did they do? Steadfastly, continue in, adhere to
2. What did the believers continually devote themselves too?
3. Where do we find the "apostles' doctrine" about Christ today?

OUR PREMISE

The Apostles' Teaching about Christ, found in God's written Word, is a fundamental means by which Christ works in us by His grace.

JESUS CHRIST IS THE TRUE WORD OF GOD (LOGOS)

**"In the beginning the Word *(logos)* already existed.
The Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
He existed in the beginning with God.
God created everything through him,
and nothing was created except through him.
The Word gave life to everything that was created,
and his life brought light to everyone.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never extinguish it."**

– John 1:1-5

NOT JUST ANOTHER BOOK

"The word (logos) of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires."

- Hebrews 4:12

PRACTICALLY INTEGRATE GOD'S WORD INTO YOUR LIFE

1. READ The Word
2. LISTEN to The Word
3. STUDY The Word
4. MEMORIZE The Word
5. MEDITATE on The Word
6. PRAY The Word Back to God
7. PREACH The Word to Your Heart
8. LET The Word Preach to You

TECH TIPS FOR GOD'S WORD IN YOUR LIFE

1. Lock Screen or Sticky Note
2. Bible App (YouVersion)
3. BibleProject.com App
4. Online Bible App
5. AI as Bible Study Assistant

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6. Trusted Websites
   - GotQuestions.org
   - CompellingTruth.org
   - GospelCoalition.org
   - DesiringGod.org
7. Expository Sermon Podcasts & YouTube Channels
   - Charles Spurgeon, John Wesley, Tim Keller, Kay Arthur, Stephen Olford, John MacArthur, John Piper, John Mark Comer and many others

LEARN TO STUDY THE WORD OF GOD

Three Steps of Bible Study

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2. Interpretation What does it mean?
3. Application How does it apply?

– Living By the Book, Howard Hendricks

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES & DATE NIGHTS

Becoming a Christian is like getting married—your status changes instantly and permanently, but the joy and depth of your relationship can grow as you nurture it through "means of grace" like God's Word, prayer, communion, and worship.

TODAY'S TAKEAWAY

The Apostles' Teaching, revealed to us in the Word of God, is an absolutely essential "means of grace" through which we receive the love, joy, peace, and fullness of all that Christ has intended for us in relationship with Him.

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW CHRIST BETTER?

EMBRACE HIS WORD!

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