

Acts 2:40-47 “LAME PROOF CHRISTIANITY – THE ORIGINAL RECIPE”
BRILLIANT BRIGHT MOON - CORN MOON/Fruit/Barly – 1 every 3 years (shorter moonrise – 180deg from sun ecliptic longitude) BIG BRIGHT / sanfran, London/paris/NY – NOTHING LIKE GOD’S LIGHT – **ORIGINAL LIGHT MAKER**
- SAME CHRISTIANITY – BACK TO THE ORIGINAL RECIPE

o YOUR VERSION MIGHT BE THE PROBLEM – **THINK ABOUT IT**

MP: Of all of God’s creations, the church is the only one that will eternally exist to display His glory.

If your Christian experience is lame it’s not God’s fault.

- **NOT LAME - BRISKET** – YOU CAN RUIN A BRISKET WRONG RECIPE

NOT CULTURE SAVE URSELF PERVERSE GENERATION SELF RIGHTEOUS - Corrupt Culture that breeds a spirit of judgmentalism is exactly what Peter was warning against.
HEART TESTS – INDICATORS TO IDENTIFY WHAT WAS OFF – key indicators

START WITH THE REALITY THAT THERE’S ONE WAY IN - PERIOD

Your Christian experience will be miserable if you’re not saved, because you won’t have a Christian experience.

Signs – Preaching (biblical explanation, crucifixion, resurrection, repentance and faith)
PURPOSE MIRACLE PREACHING; program, buildings, portfolios, worship doesn’t SAVE

- BAPTISM SYMBOL FAITH – **NEW IDENTITY**

COURSE WAS SET

CHANGE BIRTHED WITHIN THEM – QUALITIES CREATED BY GOD – **NEW BORN**

- **(1) LEARNED:** Apostles Doctrine – understand what they believed in –

Early Christians had an appetite to know who and what they believed in.

HUNGER FOR GOD IS SIGN OF REGENERATION – u’re born hungry 4 food u’re born again hungry 4 God.

- **(2) FELLOWSHIPED – COMMUNITY**

o Koinonia – koine – **UNIQUE ONENESS – magnet in the midst of shards**
▪ **Drawn together w/Christ at the center (church wasn’t center)**

- **(3) CELEBRATED** Breaking Bread – **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRIFICE**

- **(4) PRAYED** – communed with God together

o **Early Christians didn’t privatize their faith – ENGINE/MOTOR/GLUE**

- **(5) EXPERIENCED:** Wonders and Signs – GOD CONFIRMED MESSAGE

Purpose of the miracle isn’t the miracle it’s to point to the gospel

o God still does miracles today.

- **(6) GATHERED:** They were with each other

- **(7) UNIFIED** commonalities – **didn’t emphasize their differences –**

o **HOW DIFFERENT ARE WE**

- **(8) SHARED** Mutual Support – shared in each other’s need – 1 suffers all suffer

1 John 3:17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

- **Benevolence**

- **(9) OPENED** House Church – open homes – hospitality – they were a family –
 - **Importance of HOME GROUPS – YOU NEED THE HOME GROUP**

Church Buildings are great but they make home groups more important not less.

- **(10) GATHERED** Together Daily – AGAIN – GRATEFUL FOR EACH OTHER
- **(11) SIMPLIFIED** Grateful/Simple - God was enough
 - **CONTENT IN CHRIST - How can you simplify your life???**

1 Timothy 6:6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

- **(12) WORSHIPPED** Praising God – THEY KNEW WHERE IT ALL CAME FROM

The world doesn't know where **BLESSINGS** from. **CHURCH DOES.**

- **(13) ENJOYED** Favor with People – Attractive to the unbeliever –
 - HAND OF GOD – **EVERYONE COULD TELL SOMETHING GOING ON**
- **(14) MULTIPLIED** – they were telling people what they found
 - **Growing** – not the organization, not institution, people of **GOD ALIVE**

U NEED TO TRY THIS – MINOR ADJUSTMENTS CAN MAKE A MASSIVE DIFFERENC