

Church as a showing



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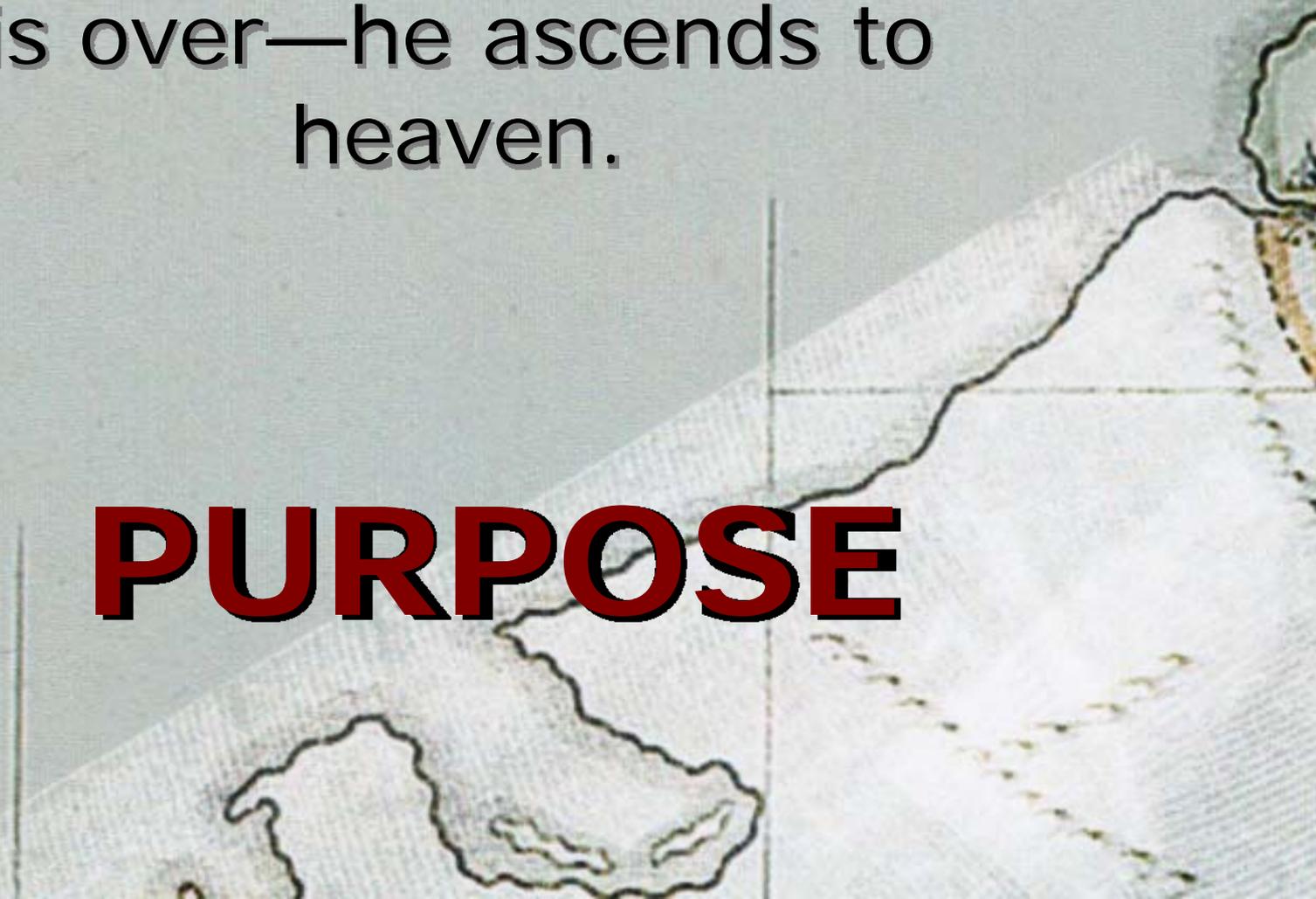
led by the Spirit

KEY EVENTS IN THE EARLY CHURCH

The earthly ministry of Jesus is over—he ascends to heaven.

RESULT

PURPOSE



"But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." It was not long after he said this that he was taken up into the sky while they were watching, and he disappeared into a cloud.

Acts 1:8-9

KEY EVENTS IN THE EARLY CHURCH

The Holy Spirit descended
on believers.

RESULT

POWER

...seven weeks after Jesus' resurrection, the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm in the skies above them, and it filled the house where they were meeting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them.

Acts 2:1-3

Now he sits on the throne of highest honor in heaven, at God's right hand. And the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today.

Acts 2:33

They stood there amazed and perplexed. 'What can this mean?' they asked each other. But others in the crowd were mocking. "They're drunk, that's all!" they said.

Acts 2:12-13

KEY EVENTS IN THE EARLY CHURCH

The believers became confident and faithful.

RESULT

PREACHING



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But Peter said, "I don't have any money for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk" ...Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them. All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded! They all rushed out to Solomon's Colonnade, where he was holding tightly to Peter and John. Everyone stood there in awe of the wonderful thing that had happened.

Acts 3:6,8,9-11

41 Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church—about three thousand in all. 42 They joined with the other believers and devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, sharing in the Lord's Supper and in prayer. 43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. 44 And all the believers met together constantly and shared everything they had. 45 They sold their possessions and shared the proceeds with those in need. 46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day,

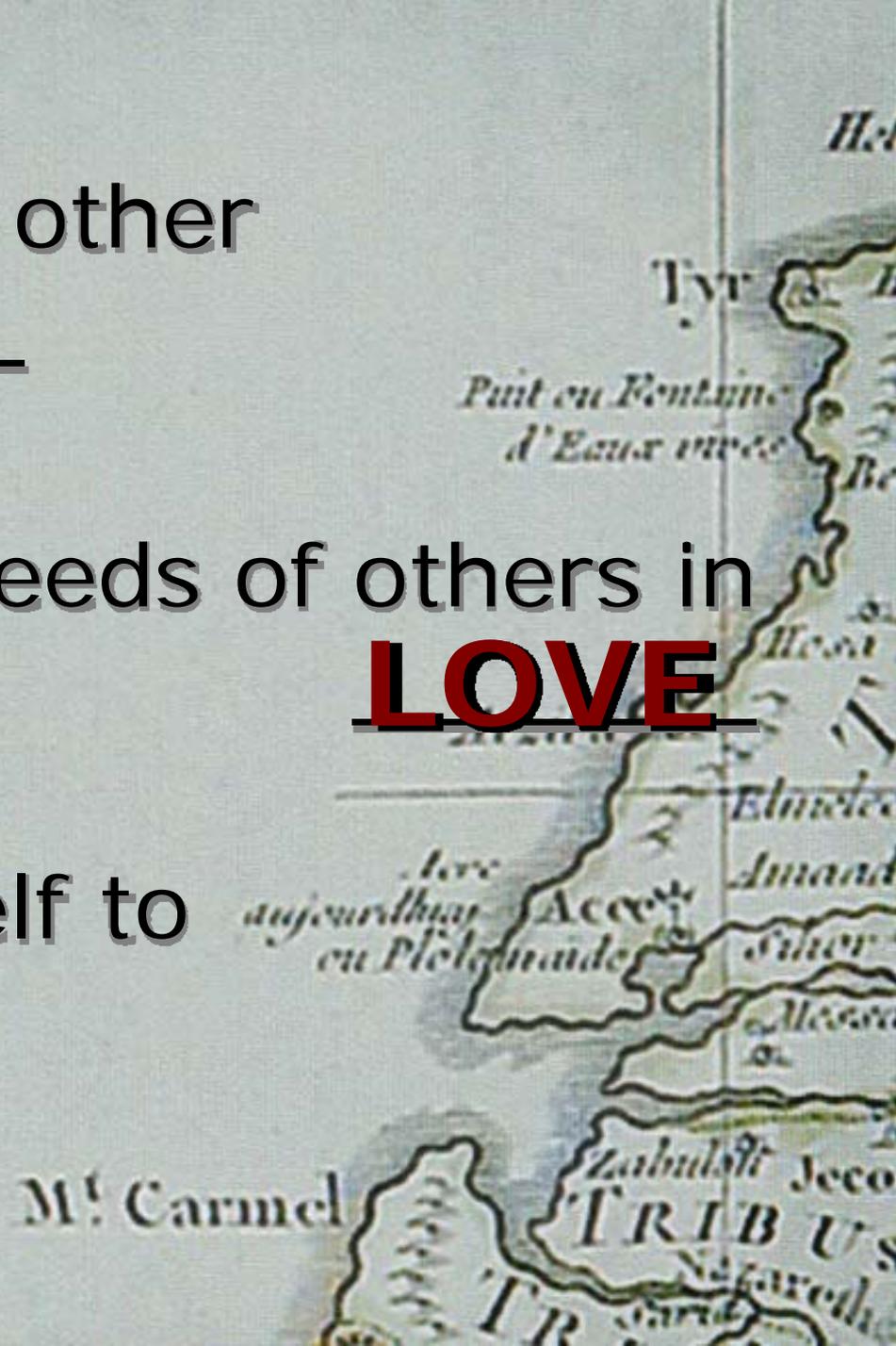
met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—⁴⁷all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.

Acts 2:41-47

1. Connects with other
BELIEVERS

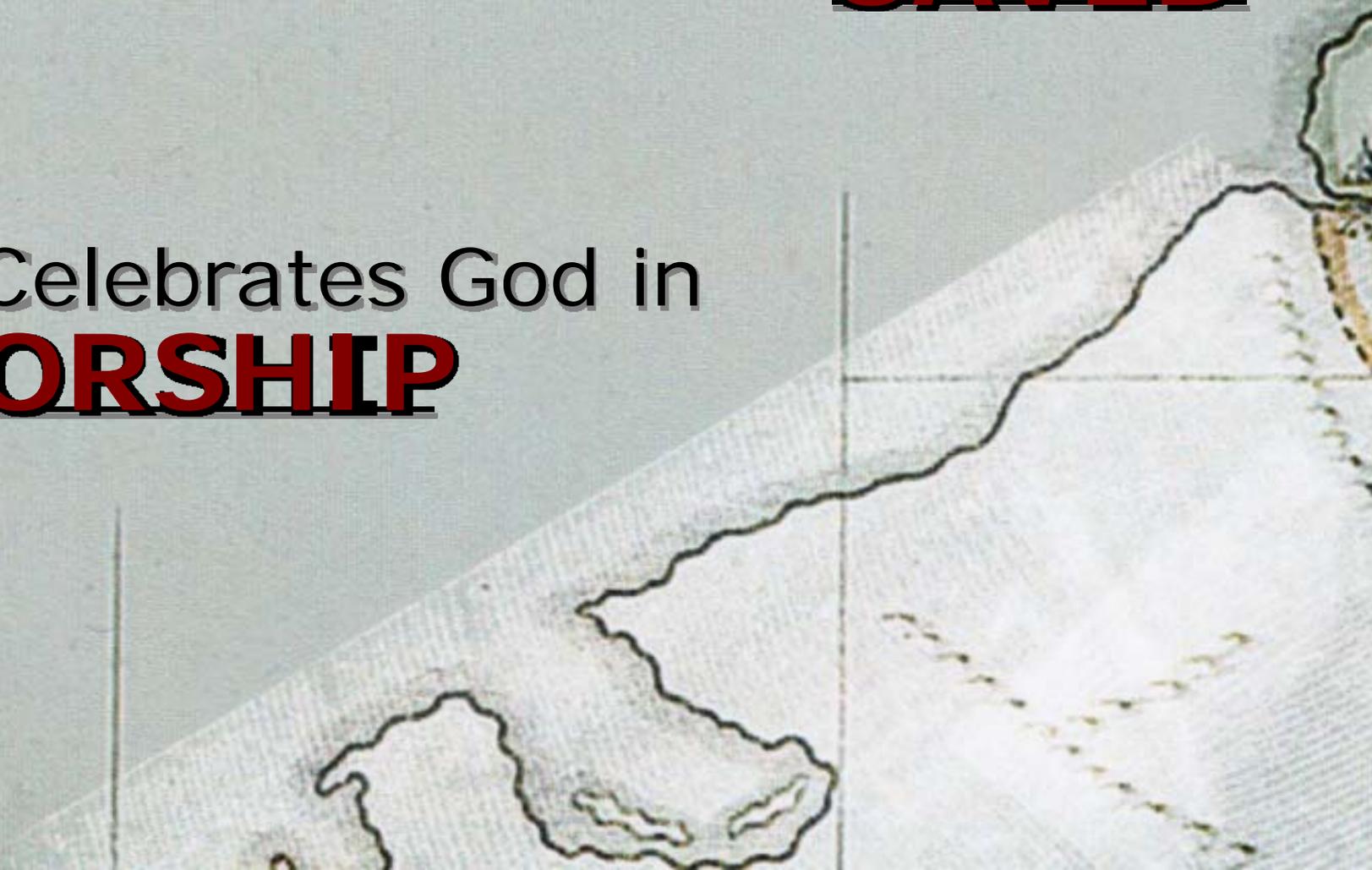
2. Meets needs of others in
LOVE

3. Devotes oneself to
LEARNING



4. Participates in people being **SAVED**

5. Celebrates God in **WORSHIP**



ONE LAST THOUGHT

A life that's all about Jesus is a life that's directed by the **POWER** and **PRESENCE** of God's Spirit. It was available for the early church, and it's available today.

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