



A
Congregational
Perspective

The Jerusalem Church

What does not matter:

- The building does not matter.
- The name on the sign does not matter.
- History, in a sense, does not matter - Phil. 3:13.

Reach forward to the responsibilities and possibilities which lie before you!



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What does matter:

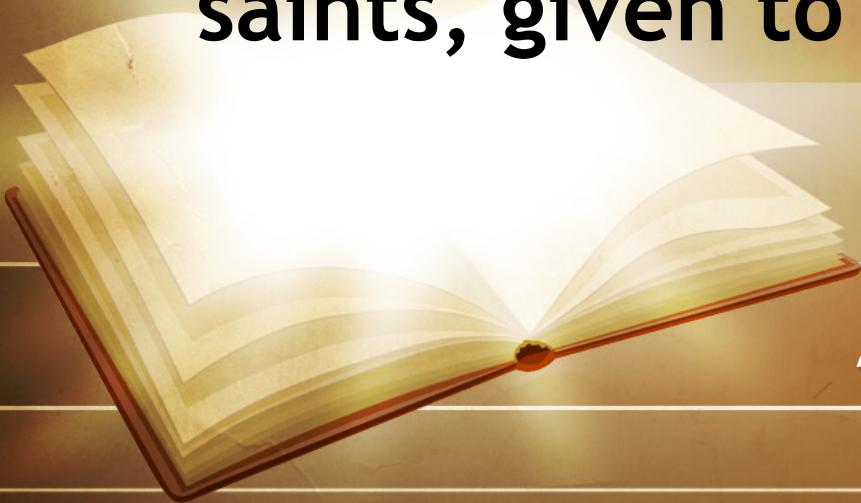
- The doctrine of Christ and our commitment to it - 2 John 9.
- Worship in Spirit and truth - John 4:24.
- Keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace - Eph. 4:3.



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What does matter:

- Being kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love - Rom. 12:10.
- Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer, distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality -
Rom. 12:12-13.



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How Jerusalem pulled it off - Acts 2.

- They made it about God.
 - ❖ Made His WORD their priority - 2:42.
 - ❖ Made His WORSHIP their constant - 2:42.
 - ❖ Made His WILL their joy - 2:47.



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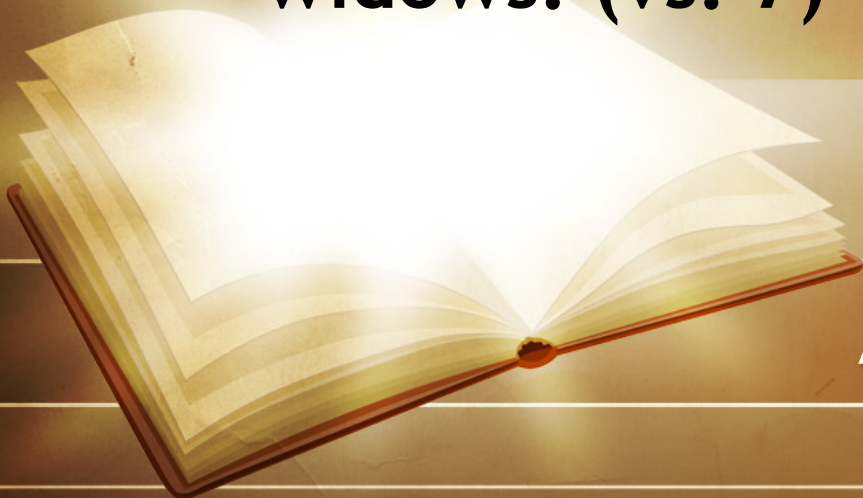
- They invested in one another.
 - ❖ Invested their TIME - 2:44,46.
 - ❖ Invested their FINANCES - 2:45.
 - ❖ Invested their EMOTIONS - 2:46.
 - Acts 4:34-37 - Barnabas' emotional investment.
 - 2 Cor. 8:3-5 - Paul ties it all together.



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How Jerusalem pulled it off - Acts 5-6

- They faced and defeated their obstacles openly.
 - ❖ Acts 5 - Things are going great! Then Ananaias and Sapphira sin. (vss. 11, 14)
 - ❖ Acts 6 - Things are going great! Then the Hellinists complain about neglect of their widows. (vs. 7)



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**Jerusalem - an incomparable
success story!**

**Prayerfully dedicate yourselves to
the principles of Acts 2-6, and see
what kind of success story God
makes of YOU!**



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