

THE BREADCRUMBS

1. Repentance brings the **Gift of the Spirit**.

Acts 2:38 (HCSB)

38 "Repent," Peter said to them, "and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, **and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

2. The Spirit brings a **New Nature**.

2 Peter 1:4 (HCSB)

4 By these He has given us very great and precious promises, **so that through them you may share in the divine nature**, escaping the corruption that is in the world **because of evil desires.**

3. A **New Nature** brings **New Desires**

Psalms 37:4 (HCSB)

4 Take delight in the Lord,
and He will give you your heart's desires.

4. **New Desires** bring **New Devotions**

Acts 2:42 (HCSB)

42 **And they devoted themselves** to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to the prayers.

5. **New Devotions** bring a **New Way of Being Human**.

Acts 2:43-47 (HCSB)

43 Then fear came over everyone, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles. **44** Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. **45** They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as anyone had a need. **46** Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple complex, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with a joyful and humble attitude, **47** praising God and having favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to them those who were being saved.

6. **New way of being human** fulfills **God's mandate to the church**.

Ephesians 3:10-11 (HCSB)

10 This is so **God's multi-faceted wisdom may now be made known through the church** to the rulers and authorities in the heavens. **11** This is according to His eternal purpose accomplished in the Messiah, Jesus our Lord.