

Churches

Then ... Now ...?

Make any difference...?

Ac 2:42; 2Tim 1:13 (Mt 19:8)

Teaching

What...? How...?

2Tim 3:16-4:2; Tit 2:1...15

Acts (e.g. 2:14f, 3:12f, 7, 10:34f ; 13:16f)

Now...?? ...Stories...philosophy...current events...politics...??

Now ...?? *Plays ... Movies ... Musical productions*

Then ... Now ...?

Government

Who **1Tim 3:1...5**

Now ...?? Young businessman? ... Woman? ... Synod? Hierarchy of bishops? Pope? ... Educational committee? ...Democracy?

Plural **Ac 14:23**

Now ...?? One man pastor?

Local **Ac 20:28**

Now ...?? Conventions; Sponsoring church (2 cong.? 3? 10? 1000? — Evang.?...Edif?...Benev.?)

Teachers **Tit 1:9; Ac 20:20...28...35**

Now? administrators?...employers?...financial mgrs?

Then ... Now ...?

Work and Worship

Teaching WofG; LS, Pray, Sing, Collec.

Ac 2:42 (1Co 11:17f; 16:1-2); Col 3:16

Now...?? Politics? ... Social (Happy Birthday)? ... Entertainment? ...?

Benevolence – Saints

Ac 11:29; Rom 15:26,31; 1Co 16:1; 2Co 8,9

1Tim 5:16

Now...?? Community, world-wide relief; Civic projects; Social (day-care, education)

Then ... Now ...?

Conditions of Membership

Faith & baptism in name of Jesus Christ

Ac 9:26f; 18:25-27 ... 19:3-5

Now...?? Sinners prayer?...Bap. in the HS?

Lordship of Jesus Christ

2Tim 3:5; 1Cor 5:5...13; 2Th 3:6...12

Now...?? Is there ANY reason one will be “removed from your midst”)??

Then ... Now ...?

ONE Basic Difference

2Tim 1:13; Ac 2:42; 1Co 7:17; 14:37; 16:1

Then ... Now ...?

The only way churches NOW will be like churches THEN is for their leaders and members to be committed to the apostolic pattern.

Remember, departures often subtle and small...but in time...! Keep eye on pattern!