

Acts 9:31 Ingredients of a Healthy Church

- A. "So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied" (Acts 9:31).
- B. Take your time with this God-breathed summary. Why was the church multiplying? What was contributing to the growth? What ingredients were being brought together to cause this growth?

• INGREDIENT #1: The _____ of the Lord

- ⇒ Reverent _____ (Heb 10:31)
- ⇒ Humble awareness of his omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence (Heb 12:28-29)
- ⇒ Careful _____ of his commandments (Heb 12:25)

• INGREDIENT #2: A willingness to _____ in the paths defined by the Lord

- ⇒ New identities in Christ as defined by the Lord (Eph 2:17-22)
- ⇒ Everyday _____ living as defined by the Lord (Eph 4:1)
- ⇒ Belonging to and building up the church as defined by the Lord (Eph 1:22-23)

• INGREDIENT #3: The _____ of the Holy Spirit

- ⇒ _____ of the Holy Spirit (Acts 11:22-24)
- ⇒ Encouragement provided by the Holy Spirit (Acts 4:36)
- ⇒ _____ revealed by the Holy Spirit (1 Tim 4:1)

• INGREDIENT #4: _____ who are dedicated to and invested in building

- ⇒ Equipped for the work of ministry (Eph 4:11-12)
- ⇒ Striving for the _____ of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God (Eph 4:13a)
- ⇒ Progressing toward maturity into him who is the head, into Christ (Eph 4:13b-16)

• INGREDIENT #5: _____

- ⇒ Peace with _____ through our Lord Jesus Christ (Rom 5:1)
- ⇒ Peace with my past, my present, and my future (Rom 15:13)
- ⇒ Peace with each _____ (Rom 14:19)