

Day by Day in 2016: *Making It Personal*

A. **Day by day.** That's our congregational focus for 2016. To be "of Christ." Every day. Everywhere. To follow in the footsteps of the earliest Christians—men and women whose lives were powerfully transformed (*Acts 2:42-47*). How did that transformation come about?

1. **Conviction** was experienced by those who were willing to receive "the word of the cross."
2. Conviction through "the word of the cross" produced **devotion** to "the way of the cross."
3. Devotion to "the way of the cross" is fueled by **awe**.
4. **Fellowship** with God and each other came to powerfully, visibly, tangibly shape everyday life.
5. The rest of *Acts* is dedicated to documenting how disciples **shared** the good news with others.

B. If that "day of Pentecost" was Day 1 of...

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| 1. New life (<i>Rom 6:3-4</i>) | 5. New perspective (<i>Rom 8:31-32</i>) |
| 2. New identity (<i>Rom 8:16</i>) | 6. New confidence (<i>Rom 8:37-39</i>) |
| 3. New access (<i>Rom 8:26</i>) | 7. New hope (<i>Rom 15:13</i>) |
| 4. New promises (<i>Rom 8:28</i>) | 8. New purpose (<i>1 Cor 10:31</i>) |

C. ...what's next? Where do you go from here? On Day 2? Day 3? Day 30? Day 365? Day 3,650?

Questions That Did (and Do) Arise "Day by Day"

1. Who is _____? (*Acts 2:36; 1 Cor 15:32; Phil 3:19; 1 Cor 15:16-20; Rev 17:14*)

2. Who am _____? (*1 Pet 1:14-16; 2:11-12; Rom 6:16-18; Eph 6:12-13*)

3. On what will I set my _____? (*Col 3:1-17*)

4. With whom do I _____? (*Eph 2:11-22*)

5. Who needs to hear the _____? (*Matt 5:13-16*)