

## THE KINGDOM AND FELLOWSHIP

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul compares Christ-followers to a body—the body of Christ. Every Christian is a part of this body (vs. 27), every part needs the others (vs. 21), and every part should be concerned for the others (vs. 25-26). In addition, no part of the body—no member of the church—can claim to be a self-sufficient unit (vs. 15-16). Since the local church is the method God has chosen for us to join together and live like a cohesive body, church attendance is very important.

Although all Christians make up the universal church, God uses smaller local churches in very specific, important ways. The local church is where we learn about God (Acts 2:42). It's also how we build each other up through encouragement

(Hebrews 3:13), “But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”

(Hebrews 10:24), And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

(Galatians 5:13), For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

(Romans 12:10), Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

(Ephesians 4:32). Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Church attendance is not a requirement to be saved. But staying away from church is dangerous. When we avoid other believers and reject their encouragement, the world will influence our beliefs and thoughts more than the Word

(Hebrews 10:25). Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Romans 15:14

Hebrews 13:16

But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Communicate is translated from the Greek: Koinonia

Young's Literal Translation

and of doing good, and of fellowship, be not forgetful, for with such sacrifices God is well-pleased.

Romans 15:14 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>14</sup> And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

Most importantly, we can grow in love for God and others.

Faith as well as love has the capacity to grow.

## **Koinonia What Does This Mean?**

***Koinonia*** is the Greek word for fellowship. It refers to community, one's place in a group, and the representation of fellowship such as a joint gift. It appears seventeen times in the New Testament.

The concept of *koinonia* is an important one because it is supposed to characterize the church. John says that the purpose of the Gospel is to lead people to have *koinonia* with others and with God (1 John 1:3, 6-7). Several verses exhort us to have *koinonia* with the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 13:14; Philippians 2:1). And Acts 2:42 (NASB) says of the very young church, "They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

**The Basilia:** The Kingdom Of God – It is superimposed against this kingdom and is superior to this kingdom and may be invoked by the redeemed of the Lord. There are certain manifestations of the kingdom that the world system (cosmos) would determine to be a miracle but is natural in the kingdom of God. Luke 10:9 " And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you."  
Mathew 12:28

“But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.” The Holy Spirit helps you operate in the kingdom here on earth again showing the kingdom of God’s superiority. The Holy spirit can tell you things to come in this world but this world can not tell you things to come in its own system and views such as a phenomena. John 16:13

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.