

# Another Biblical Principle for Living

## The Need for Fellowship

### Hebrews 10:23-25

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:23-25)*

#### **I. Attending the assembly**

- A. It is not an option, it is a command from God inscribed in Scripture
- B. Failure to attend the corporate worship & fellowship is not a new, or a Covid problem
- C. Regular attendance is essential for spiritual growth and development

**But WHY is it important. . . what difference does it make?**

#### **II. The Fellowship of Believers is Evidence of Being Filled With the Holy Spirit**

A. *"but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ." (Ephesians 5:18-21)*

- 1. Speak
- 2. Sing
- 3. And give thanks

B. *"And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love. (Ephesians 4:11-16)*

- 1. Leaders & teachers were given to equip the believers and build up the body of Christ
- 2. The goal is unity, knowing Jesus, becoming mature . . . not deceived by worldly ideals
- 3. To be built up in love by the contribution of each individual
- C. *"But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills. For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers,..."(1 Corinthians 12:7-28)*

#### **III. It Is the Desire of Christ That We Love Each Other & Dwell Together in Unity**

*"The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. (John 17:22-23)*

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