



Learn to Belong

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Acts 2:42-47, Ephesians 2:11-22

KOINONIA

- Biblical fellowship (*koinonia*) _____-life ______. (2 Corinthians 13:14)
- We *first* have fellowship with _____, *through which* he has made fellowship with other _____.

WHAT WE WERE

- If you are without God, and without hope, you are spiritually _____.

WHAT WE ARE

- Fellow _____.
- Members of God's _____.
- _____ in a temple.

The most powerful force of all is the _____ of Jesus Christ.

We should deepen our relationships with other Christians to the point of:

- Personal _____.
- Whole-life ______. (Eph. 4:28)
- Corporate ______. (Eph. 3:17-19, 1 Cor. 5:11)

HOW WE _____ WHAT WE _____ (Eph. 4:3)

- See Jesus as the _____.
- (Isaiah 28:16, Psalm 118:22-23, 1 Peter 2:4-5)

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Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)— ¹² remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

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