

(Philippians 1:3-5) I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your **participation in the gospel** from the first day until now.

"Participation in the Gospel" *Gospel = Good News*

Communion

1. God _____ to Himself through Christ.

(Colossians 1:19-20) For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Community

2. God _____ to one another as the body of Christ.

(1 Corinthians 12:13) 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.

Commission

3. God _____ together as witnesses of Christ.

(2 Corinthians 5:20) Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Community is the fruit of _____ together.

(Philippians 2:1-5) Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

--- Excuses that cause me to keep my distance ---

- ✓ "I've been _____ before"
- ✓ "I'm _____"
- ✓ "My faith is _____"
- ✓ "I don't _____"

--- Community of 5 Stones ---

1. We _____ guest and _____ attendees to _____ us as members of this body.

(Romans 12:9-13) Love must be free of hypocrisy. Detest what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor, not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

2. As members, we value _____ to Christ and one another.

(Galatians 6) Brothers and sisters, even if a person is caught in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual are to restore such a person in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you are not tempted as well. Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks that he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

3. As members, our _____ life of _____ love bears the image of Christ.

(Acts 4:32-33) And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them. And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all.