

Foundations of the Faith

How Can I Grow In My Faith? Part II

Acts 2:42-47

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Subject: Fellowship, Worship and Service

Object: To Grow alongside others, Worship the Lord, and Use My Spiritual Gifts to Be in His Service

I. Grow Alongside Others.

“For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness.” Isaiah 53:2

“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.” 1 Corinthians 3:6

A. Fellowship Defined: Greek word “koinonia,” concept of intimate community.

1. Nexus: Latin which means “that which binds or ties together.”

B. Fellowship Described: Acts 2:42-47

1. Instruction (V42)

2. Fellowship (V42)

3. Breaking of Bread (V42)

4. Prayer (V42)

5. Outreach (V43)

6. Had all things in common (V44)

7. Mutual Assistance (V45)

8. Note that they continued daily (V46-47)

“... truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.” 1 John 1:3

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:24-25

C. Fellowship Demonstrated:

Question: Why is it so important to God for Christians to spend time with one another?

1. “As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.” Proverbs 27:17

2. It is about relationship!: With Him and with each other.

II. Worship The Lord.

A. Worship Defined: Greek word, “proskyneo: to kiss the hand towards one in reverence.”

B. Worship Described: “You shall have no other gods before Me.” Exodus 20:3,

1. God wants you to put Him above all else.

C. Worship Demonstrated:

Question: In what ways can we demonstrate worship of God? "

"... present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Romans 12:1-2

III. Be in His service.

A. Service & Spiritual Gifts Defined:

1. Jesus is the perfect Example of how we should strive to live and serve.

B. Spiritual Gifts Described: supernatural gifts given to ALL believers in Jesus Christ.

1. you have at least one of these gifts!

a. service, helps or hospitality;

b. Teaching;

c. Giving;

d. Leadership/Administration;

e. Mercy;

f. Evangelist;

g. Pastor/Teacher (Shepherd);

h. Discernment;

i. Faith.

C. Spiritual Gifts Demonstrated: When you serve, other people will see gifts manifested in you.

1. Develop your spiritual exercise plan!

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"...He who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." Matthew 13:23