



Basic Habits
Of A Disciple = Fellowship with Believers

✓ Early Church Got Together

The sense of family was established

- The Jewish nation was called the God's chosen people
- They were now united around Christ



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✓ It's a Sign of Fellowship with God

"But if we are living in the light of God's presence, just as Christ is, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from every sin".
1 Jn 1:7


Fellowship with God exhibits and proves itself by fellowship with Christians



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"These people left our churches because they never really belonged with us; otherwise they would have stayed with us. When they left us, it proved that they do not belong with us." 1 Jn 2:19



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✓ The Church is Christ's Body on Earth


"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." 1Cor. 12:27

"For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of his body, the church; he gave his life to be her Savior." Eph 5:23

"And we are his body." Eph 5:30

The trend today of saying "I like God but I don't like the church" is actually an insult to Christ

- "I like you but I don't like your Bride"



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✓We Are Part of the Body

"The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up only one body. So it is with the body of Christ." 1Cor 12:12

"But God . . .has put each part just where he wants it.

"What a strange thing a body would be if it had only one part!

"Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. 1Cor 12:18 -20



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Life comes from Christ

Life also comes from being connected to His Body

We who believe are joined together with Christ as parts of a beautiful, constantly growing temple for God. Eph 2:21

It is strange notion that some think they only need to be connected to the Head of the Body




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God has used the analogy of the human body and the various parts set in proper order to describe the church

A part of the human body only lasts so long if disconnected from the body.

The Body also suffers from a part missing.



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Effect:

- Person can never be all that God has gifted and called them to be without being connected and contributing to a local church – the rest of the body.
- The local church can never be all that it is supposed to be with parts of the body missing.



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"Two people can accomplish more than twice as much as one; they get a better return for their labor.

If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble." Ecc 4:9 -10

"A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken." Ecc 4:12



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✓ God Cares Deeply About the Church

"And you husbands must love your wives with the same love Christ showed the church. He gave up his life for her

to make her holy and clean, washed by baptism and God's word.

He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault." Eph 5:25 -27



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"No one hates his own body but lovingly cares for it, just as Christ cares for his body, which is the church." Eph 5:29

"This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one." Eph 5:32

We should also care about the local church and the worldwide church

-because it is on God's heart



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✓ God Meets With Us When We Meet

"For where two or three gather together because they are mine, [94] I am there among them." Mat 18:20

"I also tell you this: If two of you agree down here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you." Mat 18:19



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"That evening, on the first day of the week, the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. John 20:19



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✓ Do Not Give Up Meeting Together

"And let us consider and give attentive, continuous care to watching over one another, studying how we may stir up to love and helpful deeds and noble activities, "Not forsaking or neglecting to assemble together as believers, as is the habit of some people, but warning, urging, and encouraging one another, and all the more faithfully as you see the day approaching." Heb 10:24 -25



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People tend to skip church and stay away from other believers when they get discouraged.

Hebrews 10:25 could be translated:

"When you're feeling down and depressed — like a failure who is falling behind everyone else — that isn't the time to stay away from other believers, as some are in the habit of doing...."



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As we get closer to the "day of his coming," we will face many spiritual struggles and even persecution.

Anti-Christian forces will grow in strength.

Difficulties should never be excuses for missing church services.

- Rather, as difficulties arise, we should make an even greater effort to be faithful in attendance to share our faith and to strengthen one another in the Lord.



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