

*Growing
in
Fellowship
with
One Another*

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THE EARLY CHURCH Acts 2: 41-47

Acts 2: 41 *Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church--about three thousand in all.*

How many believers were added to the church when Peter preached his first public sermon on the day of Pentecost?

42 *They joined with the other believers and devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, sharing in the Lord's Supper and in prayer....*

List four (4) things that the early Christians did on a regular basis, four things that they devoted themselves to.

What do you think it means when it says “**they devoted themselves to ... fellowship**”? What is “fellowship”?

14 *Then we will no longer be like children, forever changing our minds about what we believe because someone has told us something different or because someone has cleverly lied to us and made the lie sound like the truth.*

15 *Instead, we will hold to the truth in love, becoming more and more in every way like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.*

As we study God’s word the Bible, and as we learn from gifted Christian men and women, as we meet together regularly in fellowship with other Christians, then according to vs 14 - 15, we stop acting like ...

And instead, we become “**more and more**” like ...

Write down some things you have learned from this study. Also write down some things you may want to start doing on a weekly basis.

GIFTED TEACHERS & EQUIPPERS Eph 4:11-15

Ephesians 4: 11 He (Jesus) is the one who gave these gifts to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.

12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ,

What is the responsibility or job of Christian leaders, gifted evangelist, pastors and teachers in the body of Christ?

13 until we come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature and full grown in the Lord, measuring up to the full stature of Christ.

Good and gifted leaders in the church help us become more like who? Who do we want to start looking like?

What is one thing we need to do if we want to become a “*mature and full grown*” Christian?

44 And all the believers met together constantly and shared everything they had. 45 They sold their possessions and shared the proceeds with those in need.

What do you think it means when it says “*they met together constantly*”? How often do you think they were meeting together?

Were they looking after each other and taking care of each other? If so, what were they doing that makes you think that? Read vs. 44 - 45.

46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity--

47 all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.

How often did they meet together? What were some of the places where they met together? And what did they do?

It says “*And each day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.*”. What do you think it was about the these early Christians that attracted new believers to their group?

Do you have close Christian friends that you meet together with on a regular basis? Wouldn't it be great to be part of a group of Christian friends who were always looking after and taking care of one other?

You might want to write a prayer to God, and ask Him to lead you to such a fellowship.

You may also want to ask an older Christian if he or she can help you find and become part of such a group of “loving and caring for one another” Christians.

MEET TOGETHER Heb. 10: 24-25

Hebrews 10: 24 Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds.

25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near.

What kind of deeds or actions should we be encouraging our Christian friends to do?

Try to give an example of a “*good and loving*” deed.

What should we “*not neglect*” to do?

Think of a time this coming week when you could meet together with other Christians for Bible Study, Bible teaching / preaching and Christian fellowship.
