

Devotion to the Word of God

Building His Church—The Koinonia (Κοινωνία) Wall: Part 2

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1 Corinthians 12:27

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

FOCUS PASSAGE: Acts 2:42, 47 (NIV)

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to **fellowship (Koinonia)** ... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

Definition of Koinonia

_____ with Christ and his people.

The Koinonia Wall is built first with our **devotion to the** _____.

- _____ is anchored in God's Word.
- _____ is measured by God's Word.
- _____ and _____ are cleared up by God's Word.
- _____ is subsided by God's Word.

Three pictures of the difference made by being devoted to God's Word:

Acts 4:24-26

When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: "Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one."

Acts 17:10-12

As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. ¹¹ Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. ¹² As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

Philippians 3:7-11

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.



Digging Deeper

Today's focus was the beginning construction of the "Koinonia" Wall to God's Church. Today's specific piece of the wall was how they were **devoted to the Word of God**. (10 minutes)

- Find the place in Acts 2:42-47 where it says they were dedicated to the Word.
 - What are the implications of that kind of devotion to the Word?
 - What would change in your life if you were that dedicated to the Word of God?
 - What would change in our church if you were that dedicated to the Word of God?

Statement: A Holy Spirit led church is always going to be a Bible studying church. (5 minutes)

- Is this true? Explain your answer.
- What happens in our Koinonia church if we are not a Bible studying church?

Personal Examination (15 minutes)

- What do you measure your life by?
- What is the truth that you hang onto the most?
- What is confusing to you in your life now?
- What are you afraid of now?
 - How would the Word of God deal with any of the questions above?

Discuss some basic ways that you and your group can be more in tune with finding "Koinonia" through dedication to God's Word. (15 minutes)

- Take the Bible Study guide that was handed out this morning, and highlight some of the ways that you can begin to read your Bible.

PERSONAL FOLLOW-UP STUDY

- Make a plan to make God's Word a daily part of your life.

READING AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK

What does this story say about Koinonia?

- Acts 6