



July Memory Verse: *“There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, on God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” Ephesians 4:4-6 (ESV)*

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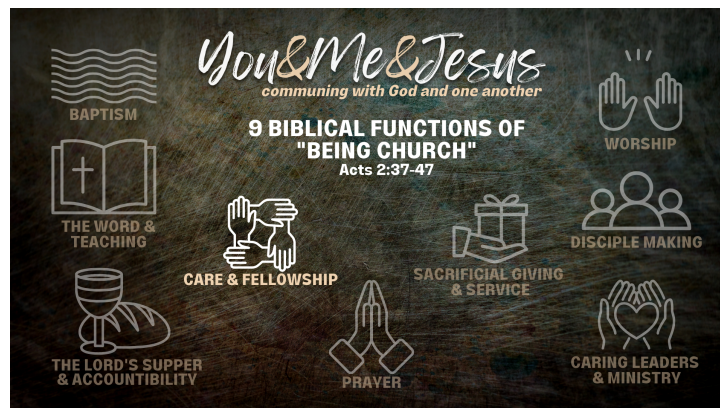
Scripture: Acts 2:41-47; Luke 22:36-40; John 13:35; Col. 3:12-17; Psalm 133

What is church? Church is an assembled group of people saved (called out) by God who:

1. Hear, read, study, memorize, meditate, proclaim, and do the Word of God.
2. Practice the Ordinances of the body of Christ (Baptism & The Lord's Supper).
3. Are accountable to one another for Holy Living and the Great Commission

What makes a group of people a church? (How is a church different from any other group of people on the planet)?

- The Biblical functions of church make a group of people the church:



What has the church been devoted to since the beginning of the church? Fellowship. (Acts 2:41-42)

What is fellowship? Koinōnia - fellowship, partnership, participation, communion, sharing.

Two aspects of Christian Fellowship: with God and with the church (Genesis 1:26-28)

- **What fellowship does:**
 - Give and receive love (God blessed them)
 - Be conformed into God's image (be fruitful) (Col. 3:10, Rom. 8:28-29)
 - Make disciples (multiply) (John 13:35)

Being image bearers of God implies fellowship in 4 relationships:

1. **A love for God and for what God loves (Matt. 22:37-38)**
2. **A love for one another (Matt. 22:39)**
3. **A love for self (Matt. 22:39)**
4. **A Love for God's creation (Gen. 2:15-18)**

Two practices of Christian Fellowship: large group and small groups (Acts 2:43-47; Psalm 133)

- "Attending the temple" - large group teaching
- "Breaking bread in their homes" - small group application
- "Day by day" - we share LIFE (spiritual, emotional, physical, economical)

Why is fellowship needed?

1. **We were made for fellowship with God and each other (see above). (Romans 14:7)**
2. **We have an enemy who wants to destroy us. (1 Peter 5:8-11; John 10:10)**
 - a. **Suffering and persecution increase as the culture increases its hostility toward the church.**
 - b. **The enemy's tactics to destroy us is to divide us and isolate us.**
3. **Sin thrives in isolation. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)**
4. **We lie to ourselves in isolation. (Proverbs 18:1-2)**

What hinders fellowship? (Colossians 3:1-11)

- **Prayerlessness**
- **Worldliness**
- **Being quick to anger & quick to speak**
- **Being insensitive**
- **Replaying your hurt & refusing to forgive**
- **Hiding from people**

What helps fellowship? (Colossians 3:12-17)

- **Prayerfulness**
- **Spiritual disciplines & being the church (being set apart)**
- **Being quick to listen & slow to speak**
- **Being vulnerable**
- **Replacing hurt with love & choosing to forgive**
- **Joining with others for common mission**

(Eph. 4:1-7)