

The Body And Fellowship

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What is the purpose of life?

God created us to develop the personal relationship we have with Him (Jn 17:3) through faith, lordship, holiness, stewardship and learning how to be like Him character wise,

This is a fellowship relationship which is why fellowship is so important as it expresses the relationship we have with God and is the mode for how we relate to others of His children.

This means you need to know:

What it is

How you enter into it

What you need to do to maintain it

How to teach others about it.

According to John 17:3 this fellowship relationship results in Salvation if properly lived.

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Foreword

In the beginning was God
There was no light as He did not need it
Around Him was the blackness.

God decided that it needed to be filled and made angels
He then said : I have servants but no friends:
So he made mankind!

God does not need us for anything as He is complete in Himself.
The only reason to make us was for us to relate to Him so He could show to us His Love.

He placed man in a beautiful Garden with all He needed
And everyday came and fellowshiped with man.
Man spoke to God face to face!

Mankind rebelled and lost this fellowship
God saw man could do nothing to restore the relationship
So He sent Jesus to do it.

The whole purpose of man
Is to relate to God on a personal basis
This should be the basis of all we do in the Christian life.

All God does is designed to get us to heaven
This fellowship with God is designed to do this
Obedience and Lordship are the keys to maintaining this fellowship/

Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Angels are sent to serve us and not fellowship with us.

Joh 15:14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Jesus calls us His friends and not His servants.

So how does this affect you when you go to church?

Mat 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

I suppose whether you are gathered for the purpose of the church or the purposes of Jesus.

And how should it affect your relating to Jesus at church?

As an attendee?
or one who delights to be with Him?

Preface

If God is God

You must live by His principles

You must do what he says

You must ensure you learn his principles and know what He requires you to do

What people say will not be as important as what He says. You will focus on Him and His requirements of you.

And not what anyone says you should do.

All you do will be for his purposes.

You will do nothing that goes against his will.

His love will be in you and ensure this obedience is done out of love.

What he says and teaches will be more important than your own reasoning.

You will trust what He says regardless of what man says.

And in spite of what God allows to happen to you.

This should be the attitude of the members of The Body

The Body - Biblical Verses

1 Cor 12:12. For in like manner, because the body is one and there are many members in it, while all of them are many members, they are one body; thus also is The Messiah.

13. For we also are baptized by The One Spirit into one body, whether Jews or Aramaeans or Servants or free men, and we are all made to drink The One Spirit.

14. For also the body is not one member, but many.

15. For if a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body", is it therefore not of the body?

16. And if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body", is it therefore not of the body?

17. For if all the body were an eye, where would the hearing be? And if it all were hearing, how would there be smell?

18. But now God has set every one of the members in the body just as he has chosen. 19. But if they were all one member, where is the body?

20. But now there are many members, but the body is one.

21. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you"; neither can the head say to the feet, "I do not need you."

22. But all the more, those members that are considered weak, or the contrary are needful.

23. And those which we think are shameful in the body, we increase greater honor to these and for those that are contemptible we make greater attire.

24. But those members which we honor do not need honor, for God unites the body and he has given greater honor to the small members,

25. Lest there would be divisions in the body; but all the members should be caring equally one for another

26. So now, when one member shall suffer, all of them shall share the pain. And if one member rejoices all the members shall rejoice.

27. But you are the body of The Messiah and members in your places.

Col 1: 18 And he is The Head of the body which is the church, for he is The Head and The Firstborn from among the dead, that he would be Preeminent in everything,

Eph 2: 20 And you are built up upon the foundation of the Apostles and of the Prophets and he is The Head of The Corner of the building Yeshua The Messiah.

21 And the whole building is constructed by him and grows into a holy temple in THE LORD JEHOVAH,

22. While you also are built by him for the dwelling of God in The Spirit.

Eph 2: 27. And he shall establish the church for himself when it is glorious, without blemish or wrinkle, neither any such things whatsoever, but it will be holy and without defect.

Introduction

People do not understand The Body of Christ (which is made up of the people who follow Jesus as their complete Lord). If they did understand what it is:

They would know their position in The Kingdom of God

They would know their proper relationship to God and to each other

They would represent The Kingdom of God and not a denomination or church and would not look upon these as being the Body of Christ!

The Body represents The Kingdom of God and not a denomination or church and it is led by The Holy Spirit. Not by denominational or church guidelines or objectives.

The Bible is the handbook of The Body but is not necessarily the handbook of a denomination or a church.

Unless you know your position in The Kingdom and in The Body, you will not do the work of Jesus as He desires you too do it. This is because you will accept the work of The Denomination as being the work of The Kingdom.

Sometimes the denomination and The Body will line up. But the work of a church or denomination is usually self-preservation and not the work of The Kingdom.

You may be a member of a denomination or church. But your primary loyalty is too The Body.

Everything the Body does has to be viewed from five perspectives:

The Body serves Jesus and not denominations, church bodies or similar

The Body is Holy to God, being called out from the world (which is controlled by Satan) and must separate itself from the attitudes and activities of the world being sanctified by God (set apart for His purposes).

Whatever it does must be in accordance with the Will of God

Whatever it does must bring Glory to God

It must interact with others with the same quality of Love God has and express His Character in all it does (which is what fellowship really is).

A member of The Body must satisfy these attitudes in all they do for The Body to express these attitudes.

Jesus and The Body - His Roles in The Body

He is head of The Body (Eph 1:22)

He is its steward

He is its leader (Eph 5:24)

The Loyalty of The Body is to Jesus

The denomination or organised church is used by Satan to hide The Kingdom of God and/or divide to The Body

The fact members of The Body attend the organised church does not make that The Kingdom or The Body

He is its Saviour (Eph 5:23)

He sacrificed Himself for it (Eph 5:25)

He redeemed it (purchased it) with His own Blood (Acts (20:28)

He sanctified and justified it (1 Cor 6:11)

To purify it (Eph 5:26)

So it would be undefiled and Holy to Him (Eph 5:27)

It will be a Body showing His Glory in all it does ((Eph 5:27)

He is the firstborn of The Body (Heb 12:23) He is the precursor of all in The Body He is its example of how to live

God chooses those who will be in The Body (because they respond to His call 1 Pet 5:13)

They are chosen to be a part of The Body and the benefits of being a member of it

They are not appointed to be a part of The Body but are chosen because they desire to follow Jesus as their Lord

We are not predestined to be saved. Those who respond to the Love of Jesus for them are predestined (required) to walk in all He has prepared for them (of which Salvation, redemption, fellowship with Him and rewards are a part of)

Relationships of Jesus to The Body

It is His Spiritual representative Body (Col 1:24)

He is the chief Cornerstone (the foundation of it Eph 2:20)

Christ loves it (Eph 5:25)

The relationship of Christ to the church illustrates the relationship of a husband to a wife (Eph 5:32)

Responsibilities of Jesus to The Body

God provides ministers for it to serve Him in it (Eph 4:11)

They are gifts to the church and not rulers of it

They are servants to the Body and not rulers of it

They are to help the Body mature

They are used by The Holy Spirit to build up The Body

They are to serve Jesus (The King) and not man (a citizen of The Kingdom)

Jesus adds members to it daily (Acts 2:47)

The Lord meets (nourishes) all its requirements (Mat 6:33)

Only people who are a good steward of their family can be a steward of people in The Body (1 Ti 3:5)

The church is not to support people who have family who are able to support them (1 Tim 5:16)

The elders of a church have a responsibility to minister to its members (James 5:14)

Faith is required to be a member of The Body (Acts 16:5)

Rewards of Jesus for service to The Body

Rulership of all (Phil 2:9-11) which includes:

The Body, for Him to be its ruler

The Kingdom of God, for Him to be its King

Rulership of all creation

Rulership of Satan and his demons

The Holy Spirit and The Body

The Holy Spirit unifies The Body (1 Cor 12:13)

The Holy Spirit guides, teaches and leads The Body (Job 32:8, Jn 16:13) The Body is The Temple of The Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:19)

The Holy Spirit's presence in The Body (1 Cor 6:19) through filling the spirit of the people in The Body.

The Holy Spirit's presence in us in our spirit witnesses that we are part of The Body (Rom 8:16)

The Body itself

Relationships to God and others

We are chosen by God to be living stones in His Church (1 Pet 2:24, 1 Pet 2:5):

We are spiritually stepbrothers and step-sisters of Jesus by adoption

We are His servants

We are His Citizens

We are His representatives on earth

In otherwords we are the building blocks of The Body.

Roles of The Body

Follower of Jesus (Eph 1:22)

It is to give Him Glory for all that happens to it (Eph 3:21)

Its activities bring Him Glory (Eph 3:21)

To carry out the responsibilities of The Body

To be a member of The Body we must believe in who Jesus is (Mat 16:18)

We must be a good steward of what He gives us to look after on His behalf (1Cor 4:2)

We must obey Him (Eph 1:22)

We are to bring forth Fruit for Jesus (Rom 7:4)

Because He has sanctified and justified The Body (1 Cor 6:11)

We are to remove all that defiles us (Eph 5:26)

We are to pursue holiness (Eph 5:27)

We are to seek only His Glory in all we do (Eph 5:27)

The Body is to sing praises to God (Heb 2:12)

Those with spiritual responsibilities are to look after those they have been given to be a steward of (Acts 20:28)

We are to do our best to encourage and help mature each other in God's type of Love (Eph 4:15)

We are to learn our part in The Body and do it properly (Eph 4:15)

The Body is to be an example to non-believers of The Kingdom of God (1 Cor 14:23)

The church must demonstrate The Kingdom of God (Acts 5:11)

The demonstration of The Kingdom of God:

Will cause Non-Christians to believe in God and follow Him
Will cause Christians to love God, obey and serve Him
The elders represent The Body (Acts 20:17)
We are to use our God-given gifts to build The Body up (1 Cor 14:12)
We are not to speak things that irrelevant in an assembly of The Body (1 Cor 14:35)
Any command of Jesus are commands to The Body.

Rewards

The Body will be clothed with white linen to show it is righteous to God (Rev 19:8)
A Mansion in Heaven (Jn 14:1-2)
A more intimate relationship with Jesus (God is our reward)

Miscellaneous matters in regard to The Body

The gates of hell shall not hinder or stop it (Mat 16:18)
Demons shall not prevail against it (Prov 16:18)
The works of Satan shall not prevail against it
Each assembly of believers in The Body has an angel watching over them (Rev 1:20)
The Body is one in Jesus (1 Cor 12:2)
There is no nationality, race or sexuality in The Body (Gal 3:28)
It will be persecuted along with you (1 Thes 2:14-15).
As you affect one person of the body because of their unity in The Spirit you affect in some way every person of The Body because what happens to you affects Jesus its King (Matt 25:40)!
Those defiling it will be punished (1 Cor 3:17)

Disputes are to be resolved by mature Spirit led Christian men who are guided by The Holy Spirit (Mat 18:17)

There will be no confusion but only peace in The Body if it is in a proper relationship with God and each other (1 Cor 14:33)

Women must submit domestically to their husband in church but not spiritually (1 Cor 14:34, Gal 3:28, 1Pet 3:1-6). Scripturally, both submit to The Holy Spirit as He represents Jesus their spiritual King. If they both submit to The Holy Spirit the problem of headship will not occur.

What it is

It is the House of God, The Pillar and Ground of The Truth (1 Tim :15) It is not the church of Israel but a new one built on faith in who Jesus is! (Mat 16:18).

It is the object of God's Grace (favour) (2 Cor 8:1)

He uses The Body to display the Wisdom and authority of God (His correct application of His knowledge and understanding) to people, demonic powers and their forces (Eph 3:10).

Comments

This overview is just knowledge. Knowledge without application is just knowledge. This knowledge has to be a practical part of your life for it to affect you. This is what wisdom is. Applying what you know in a practical way.

This next section deals with application of the knowledge detailed above.

Comments on the overview of the Body.

Jesus is its head.

He brought it into existence through His death

He is its creator so looks after it as a good steward of it and

leads it wisely, for its best. The Holy Spirit tells us what Jesus desires us to do.

He has the responsibility of providing what it needs for the people in it to live as He desires them to live and to serve Him as He desires them to serve Him. This is His promise in Matt 6:33 to all those who faithfully serve Him

He is our example of how a member of The Body should Live. We are to follow His example alone and not man's example. So, we need to study how He lived so we can live like Him to the best of our ability

The relationship of Jesus to the Body is various:

He is its King and the members of it are His citizens

He is their spiritual brother through their adoption of them by The Father

He is God to be worshipped by them. He tells us what to do

He sits (fellowships) with them as member of the family of The Body

Those in The Body need to approach Jesus according to the relationship being expressed with Him at the time (God, King, Brother, Friend, Servant, sinner).

There is also the responsibility of those in The Body to learn what God requires of them. So, they need to study His requirements to be able to do what He asks them to do.

The Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit unites the people in The Body so that they are the stones of The Temple of Christ and empowers and guides the members of The Body so that they can relate to God in the way they should and live as He desires them to live and serve Him. This is why it is so important to be able to hear The Holy

Spirit so you can to be guided by Him. It is only as The Body is guided by The Holy Spirit that it will function as Jesus desires it to function.

The people in the Body

The people in the Body have a responsibility to be a good steward of what God give them to look after on His behalf:

Their relationship to God

Their relationship to Jesus as their King

The relationship to The Father as His adopted child

Ministry

Life

Family

Relationship to others

Work

Anything God has given them as steward of to do or to take care of for Him!

The Body is the army of The Lord Jesus, whose purpose is to be used by Jesus to free people from the enemy King as well as to heal them of the enemy king's damage to them. It is not designed to sit in a pew like a pea in a pod and pay the 'officially designated people' to do t he works of Jesus they should be doing.

It is up to the individual members of the body to study and learn to do what Jesus requires of them. God has given us all we need to be able to do this and it is up to us to learn how to properly use these things. The Holy Spirit will teach us if we desire to learn these things (Job 32:8, Jn 7:17)

If you do not reach your full potential as a member of The Body, do not blame God. He has done His part and now it is up to

you and you alone to do your part of the Salvation/Redemptive fellowship arrangement you have entered into with Him.

The Body must have attitudes and purposes of The Mind of Christ

Jesus is our King so that our mind needs to be one with His in attitudes, purpose, objectives and plans so that we will express these in all we do. We need to study what these are (as explained by God) so that we know them and are able to do them.

If you are led by The Holy Spirit in all you do you will express what God desires you too and will show His 'mind' (what He thinks and desire) to all around you. The Holy Spirit will also use The Body members to help each other in this.

One of the purposes of The Body is to help other members in it mature. And it is only in The Body will you have the support to be what you can be in Jesus.

Help from those outside the body allows Satan to possibly interfere and cause you to learn worldly ways of relating and obeying Jesus.

What is The Body

The Body is an extended family related through adoption by the Father, united by their common love for Jesus, The Father and The Holy spirit being guided by The Holy Spirit to live in the way a citizen of heaven should live reflected on earth through the lifestyle of a Servant of Jesus as they learn what it means to live as a citizen of The Kingdom of God..

Each member has their own individual life plan prepared for them by God from before creation (Eph 2:10) to mature them to the image of the Character of God as well as to prepare them to live forever with God in His Kingdom.

This plan occurs because God has gone before them and is

there when they reach that particular point in their life. If God had not prepared the event for you it would be outside His control and He could not be God.

The distinguishing characteristic of a member of The Body is the quality of love they have for each other, which is a reflection of the Love God has for them.. It is not the quality of love the world has. It is a selfless type of love that serves others without hesitation or desire for reward! This is how it is expressed in heaven and how we should be learning to express it on earth in preparation for heaven.

A Christian is a member of The Body (the extended family in heaven and on earth), and a citizen of The Kingdom of God. They represent God and His Kingdom, which Jesus expresses on earth.

Only if The Body functions as it should will people see Jesus, learn of His Kingdom and be drawn to them both. Only as each member of the Body functions as they should will the Body function as it should.

The responsibility of a Christian is to find out their function in The Body at that moment of time and then to do it. Their function will change according to need and maturity. God will prepare you for this work and train you as you do it. He will not ask you to anything He has not prepared you for or that you are not capable of doing.

The Holy Spirit will guide you and help you in this. So, it is very important to be able to hear The Holy spirit in all you do each day, so that you know what God desires you to do at that moment of time.

Fellowship

While the Christian life is one of stewardship of all you do, it is

also one of fellowship:

Continuous fellowship with The Holy Spirit in you through His presence in you

Fellowship with others in The Body.

Fellowship with Jesus and The Father which is salvation (Jn 17:3).

Relationships with people outside The Body, can never be a fellowship relationship.

A gathering of two or more for the purposes of Jesus and His Kingdom are a fellowship meeting and an assembly for the purposes of Jesus.

In some countries Christians cannot meet openly in groups. If a church was required for fellowship, then they would rarely have any fellowship.

The structure of The Body

Act 6:1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose an murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

Act 6:2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, ~~and~~ ~~ser~~ bles.

Act 6:3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

Act 6:4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word

Act 6:5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

Act 6:6 Whom they set before ~~the~~ apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

The structure of The Body is very flat. Jesus is at the top of it and every- one else is under Him, being guided by The Holy Spirit in all they do. All have various different roles and giftings, so that they can properly perform their role in the body.

There are two basic categories of service in The Kingdom:

Those ministering spiritually to others.

Those ministering physically to others.

The mature elders and similar Minister spiritually to The Body while the deacons and similar look after the administered and maintenance side (physical) of The Body.

In a Christian family the parent does both of these roles to their children. The true family life is a life that is fellowship

like which is why you need to relate correctly to your children. This division of roles service was ordained by God in The Temple, so it is a principle of His for the groups in The Body that worship and/or Minister together.

The spiritual ministers, minister too people and help them mature to be the person they can be in Jesus. They are the ones who train up leaders and guide people using their gifts. This is the function of elders of which the pastor is one. They minister to each other and to the body and not just the pastor to the church as a whole.

The deacons look after the daily running of the church and its administrative needs. As they do this God matures them to eventually become spiritual ministers. This is not to say we are not to minister to others as all Christians are the minister to each other. But they are recognised as having the maturity to help people who have problems in their spiritual life.

In Acts 6, the roles are stated as follows:

Pastor/Elders look after the spiritual side of things.

Deacons look after the spiritual side of things.

The Holy Spirit guides both groups.

When the church has this division correct, then the world will not intrude on the spiritual side of things as that deacons will deal with the way the world interacts with the administrative and similar needs of The Body and not the Elders unless it is really necessary for them to do so.

The elders will usually deal with any problems in regard to how the world system spiritually interacts with The Body and the deacons if none is there to do this

The Work of The Body

For The Body to work properly, each member must express God's Quality of Love to each other. This is so each will serve others in the right attitude and be able to help them to do their part in The Body.

The work of The Body is to serve Jesus their King. He tell them:

What they are to do for Him

When they are to do it for Him

How they are to do it for Him

Where they are to do it for Him

He does not need to tell them why they have to do this for Him

They serve the King and promote:

The Will of the King.

His Kingdom

His values (moral, spiritual)

With the same attitudes He has which is reflected in the quality of Love they demonstrate as they serve Him and others, as well as in the way they take care of all they are steward of on His behalf. Their:

Spirit

Body

Soul

Mind

Spiritual things

Physical things

Family and other people

Their relationship with each member of the Trinity.

Their example is Jesus. Who did the Will of The Father in everything, Who went around preaching, teaching and demonstrating the authority of God over all the works of Satan as well as over creation, then trained others to do His work! The early members of the Body (Apostles and early disciples) did the work Jesus did.

There were no Denominations, churches, Bible Colleges, Mission boards or similar. They knew Jesus and His teachings and that was all that mattered:

According to Matt 6:33, Bible Colleges, Denominations etc., are not necessary to do the work of Jesus. They did not even exist then!

As long as you are guided by The Holy Spirit, Jesus will provide all the training you need and prepare you and the ministry you are to do for Him so that you are able to do it. All you need to do is to wholeheartedly walk on the path God has prepared for you from before creation and you will do all He requires of you.

Bible Colleges and similar are for the purposes of the denomination and/or church system man has established. God does not need them! But man does for his purposes.

Others may guide and help you, but it is your responsibility to study to see what God desires of you and if you do attempt to study this The Holy Spirit will help you in this.

Acts 17:11 For those Jews who were there were nobler than those Jews who were in Thessalonica and they were hearing gladly from the word every day while they were distinguishing from Scripture whether these things were so.

Jn 16:17 Yeshua answered and said: "My teaching is not Mine, but from him who sent Me." "Whoever is willing to do his will understands my teaching, whether it is from God or whether I speak for my own

please.”

Jn 16:13”But whenever The Spirit of The Truth comes, he will lead you into the whole truth, for he will not speak of his own will, but he shall speak whatever he shall hear and he shall reveal the future to you.”

Jesus left us two commandments:

The Law of Love:

Jn 13:34-35. “I give a new commandment to you: Love one another, just as I have loved you, you should also love one another. Every person will know by this that you are my disciples if you shall have love one to the other.”

And the command to preach, teach (disciple) and represent the Kingdom which can be summarized from all the statements of it in the Gospels as:

“All power (authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore,

and teach all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you

And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in My name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils;

they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents;

and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them, they shall lay

*handsonthe sick,andthey shallrecover andJo, I amwithyou al-
ways,
evenunto the end of the world.”*

Jesus said that if you loved Him you would do these things. So, if you are not doing these things you need to find out why and deal with it so that when you face Jesus and are judged for your life you will be declared by Him to be a good and faithful servant of His.

Service in The Body is a privilege and not a right! It is a gift from God and is only possible because of God's Love, Mercy, His Redemption and Calvary and not of anything you can do except to have faith and trust in Jesus and in all He said and did.

Jesus does not interact with denominations or churches as these are set up by man and usually serve the legal requirements of the denomination as well. Jesus interacts with the body as it is the organisation He set up.

Because members of the body are in denominations and churches, Jesus appears to interact with these organisations. When the purposes of the church or denomination align with His purposes, they are then serving His Kingdom and His Body. Until then they divide it.

The church

The True church is called The Body of Christ. It is made up of all true believers in heaven and on earth. Its purpose is to serve Jesus and by their activities to bring Him Glory and Honour.

They are citizens of His Kingdom. On earth they are also His representative whose purpose is to teach, preach and demonstrate The Kingdom, of God as well as to demonstrate its superiority over Satan and his kingdom, plunder it and to defend against it. They promote The Kingdom of God and not any

denomination or church body.

In all that they do they point to their King Jesus and indeed, their purpose on earth is to point to Jesus and tell others what Jesus has done for them and to demonstrate it and The Kingdom of God by their life. It is this activity that separates those in heaven from those on earth.

Denominations, church organisations and factions in these are not The Body and exist for the purposes of the denomination or the Laws of the Land! They have no representative in heaven and cannot be a part of it. The people can be but the organisation cannot.

God already has the organisation He desires for His Body and anything man places usually on The Body only divides it from other denominations or organisations.

The Body is one and indivisible, united through The Holy Spirit and not through the laws of man or Denomination. It has one common purpose. To do the Will of its King and head, Jesus and demonstrates His Quality of love in all it does.

It is the true *ekklesia*. The people called out of the world Satan controls. When any of its members meet it is called an assembly. An assembly is Two or more people meeting for the purposes of Jesus and the Kingdom of God. In every assembly Jesus is there (Matt 18:20) yet most assemblies act as if He is not really relevant.

The guidelines of this assembly are Those of God. The Holy Spirit leads the assembly, guiding it to do the work of Jesus and The Kingdom. Where ever it is necessary, the assembly follows any guidelines the laws of a land impose on it, as long as they do not contravene any Law of God.

An assembly meeting is different to going to a church meeting where non-Christians attend because you are going to a

meeting with fellow brothers and sisters and not with those who are not of Jesus. All have been adopted by The Father so you are also meeting on behalf of your spiritual stepbrother, King Jesus, as well as other spiritual 'family' members.

When you are meeting for His purposes it is fellowship. Otherwise it is just socialising.

The Body has a fivefold relationship.

To The Father, whom they worship

To Jesus, their King and head who they serve

To The Holy Spirit who guides and empowers them

To each member of The Body, to which they are either a brother or sister because of The Father's adoption of them

To Satan, his followers and his world system. They destroy or negate His activities.

A member of the Body has all these relationships simultaneously, but usually demonstrates those appropriate to the circumstances they are in at that time.

Unfortunately most Christians do not realise this and so do not actively work in all of them as required by God!

The work of The Body.

The work of the Body is to worship God as well as to bring Him Glory and Honour. It does this in the way it carries out its service to Jesus.

The Body and the Kingdom are so intertwined, that the work of The Kingdom is the work of The Body! Unless you are doing the work of The Kingdom in the way God desires it to be done, you are not worshipping God or bringing Him Glory and Honour: Only as you are led by the Holy Spirit in all things will you do

the Will of God in all things and serve Him as He desires you serve Him.

Definitions of the word 'Church'

Mat 16:18 Also I say to you, that you are Kaypha (Peter), and upon this stone I shall build my church (ekklesia) and the gates of Sheol (hell) will not withstand."

The church meant here was the assembly of people who God had called out of the world system of Satan who had separated themselves from the things of Satan to the things of Jesus.

This announcement was made before there was any denomination, church group as we know it or other type of Christian organisation. So these cannot be what Jesus was referring to when He made this statement.

He was talking about the people who made up The Body of people who followed Jesus as their Lord.

You can see from what follows in Webster's definition how Satan has hidden the true meaning through the definitions of the word 'church'.

Smith's dictionary is closer to what Jesus meant and gives a reasonable concise summary of the church that Jesus referred to in the above statement.

Websters

CHURCH, n.

1. A house consecrated to the worship of God, among Christians; the Lords house. This seemstobe the original meaning of the word. The Greek, to call out or call together, denotes an assembly or collection. But, Lord, a term applied by the early Christians to Jesus Christ and the house in which they worshipped was named from the title. So church goods, bona ecclesiastica; the Lords

day, dies dominica.

2. The collective body of Christians, or of those who profess to believe in Christ, and acknowledge him to be the Savior of mankind. In this sense, the church is sometimes called the Catholic or Universal Church.

3. A particular number of christians, united under one form of ecclesiastical government, in one creed, and using the same ritual and ceremonies, as the English church; the Gallican church; the Presbyterian church; the Romish church; the Greek church.

4. The followers of Christ in a particular city or province; as the church of Ephesus or of Antioch (These were assemblies and not denominations or churches in a modern sense).

5. The disciples of Christ assembled for worship in a particular place, as in a private house. Col 4.

6. The worshipers of Jehovah or the true God, before the advent of Christ; as the Jewish church.

7. The body of clergy, or ecclesiastics, in distinction from the laity. Hence, ecclesiastical authority.

8. An assembly of sacred rulers convened in Christ's name to execute his laws.

9. The collective body of Christians, who have made a public profession of the Christian religion and who are united under the same pastor in distinction from those who belong to the same parish, or ecclesiastical society, but have made no profession of their faith.

CHURCH, v.t. To perform with any one the office of returning thanks in the church, after any signal deliverance, as from the dangers of child-birth.

Smiths Dictionary

Church

1. The derivation of the word is generally said to be from the Greek

kuriakon, "belonging to the Lord". But the derivation has been too hastily assumed. It is probably connected with kirk, the Latin circus/circulus, the Greek kuklos, (kuklos), because the congregations were gathered in circles.

2. Ecclesia, the Greek word for church, originally meant an assembly called out by the magistrate, or by legitimate authority.

It was, in this last sense, that the word was adapted and applied by the writers of the New Testament to the Christian congregation.

In the one Gospel of St. Matthew, the church is spoken of no less than thirty-six times as "the kingdom." Other descriptions or titles are hardly found in the evangelists.

It is Christ's household, Mat 10:25,

The salt and light of the world, Mat 5:13; Mat 5:15, Christ's flock, Mat 26:31; John 10:15,

Its members are the branches growing on Christ the Vine, John 15;

But the general description of it, not metaphorical but direct, is that it is a Kingdom. Mat 16:19.

From the Gospels we learn that Christ was about to establish his heavenly Kingdom on earth, which was to be the substitute for the Jewish Temple and kingdom, soon doomed to destruction (Mat 21:43).

The Day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian church. Before, they had been individual followers Jesus; now they became His 'body', united by His Spirit. On the evening of the Day of Pentecost, the members of which the Church consisted were:

Apostles;

Disciples;

Converts.

In Act 2:41, we have indirectly exhibited the essential conditions of church communion. They are:

Baptism, implying on the part of the recipient repentance and faith;

Apostolic Doctrine; Fellowship with the Apostles;

The Lord's Supper;

Public Worship.

The real Church consists of all who belong to the Lord Jesus Christ as His disciples, and are one, united by The Holy Spirit: in love, in character, in hope, in Christ as the head of all, though as the body of Christ it consists of many parts.

Denominations and The Kingdom

When you became a Christian you became a citizen of The Kingdom of God and a member of The Body. Your primary allegiance is to your King, Jesus. You do not become a member of a denomination or church or similar except for the legal purposes of man or the denomination.

The moment a minister tries to take away the authority of Jesus by interposing themselves between Jesus and you, they have overstepped their authority. They have taken His place. Instead of nurturing and serving as gifts from Jesus to serve the church they rule as masters.

Ministers are servants and guides according to Jesus and not rulers (Eph 4:11-12). They are to give themselves to prayer and fasting according to the Book of Acts (so they can hear God and serve His Body) and not to administrative work (Acts 6). This fasting is as God defines it in the Old Testament.

Jesus is King (ruler) and The Holy Spirit the guide of those in the Kingdom of God. So, if these are not in place in a person's

life another has usurped their rule in a person. Then at worst the person is not in the Kingdom of God (so not saved) and at best they are possibly not in a correct relationship with God.

We have manmade structures and this is the problem with churches. They attempt to unify through man's methods and administrative structures and not through the unity The Holy Spirit provides. So that reason and man's methods and/or denominational beliefs becomes the criteria for unity.

The Holy Spirit is not considered necessary or used as a guide as the rules of man have become more important than The Holy Spirit's guidance and The Bible.

Thus more of the world's methods are used and The Holy Spirit becomes less and less important. The successful methods of man's management and expansion are used and are copied because they appear to work. They are no longer led by The Holy Spirit and are comfortable in the system they have created. In a sense, they become religious, doing man's ways of things that appear to work rather than God's way of doing them.

To restore the church God has to remove the system they have created and this is starting to happen. Churches are having problems balancing budgets as God removes disillusioned people from them and the money coming in is reduced. Natural disasters are also wiping out churches and their surrounding areas removing ministers and their livelihoods.

Jesus will continue to remove the infrastructure until people have nothing left but Him. This reaches its peak in the tribulation.

We are being trained for this time of cleansing of the church and we need to be ready to step in and minister to those that will listen, to Jesus.

Are you ready to survive what He is going to do and minister to

those in the church who have lost all in this purging?

The Body and The Kingdom of God

The Christian life is Kingdom based and not church or denomination based. It is based on the Will of The King and not the will of the church or denomination.

This is why it is focused on The King and His requirements of you and not what a church or denomination desires you to do. Although these may line up at times.

Jesus and the early church were primarily concerned with evangelism and discipling. They did not have famous people to do the work. Only people who obeyed Jesus, even if it cost them their life. There were no super spiritual leaders, only mature people who loved Jesus and serve Him out of this love. All Glory was given to God and no man was given any glory or treated as something special. They knew all that happened was a result of the workings of God (1 Cor 3:6, 1 Cor 15:10). They were respected for their maturity, wisdom and relationship with Jesus and were not exalted or praised for what God did through them.

So, people consulted them in regards to spiritual matters because of this. They preached and demonstrated Jesus and His Kingdom and by this demonstration of The Kingdom (Removed now from Mark 16 so it is not done by the mainstream church) many were added to the body of believers and The Kingdom of God!

The Church and Kingdom of God

The Body of Christ represents the Kingdom of God. Unfortunately, The Kingdom got hidden by the denominational church. This is because the denominational church does not

usually preach the Kingdom of God or demonstrate it because it does not correctly understand its relationship to The Kingdom. Until it does it will be a poor representation of what God wanted to establish on earth.

It will not be a body that represents and demonstrates His Kingdom and through this demonstration rescue many from the kingdom of his enemy, establish them as a citizen of The Kingdom training them to disciple others for The Kingdom.

Building The Kingdom.

People try to build up and expand the denomination or church thinking they are building up or expanding the Kingdom. But they are not.

Jesus said that The Kingdom is in you and not in any building structure or organisation. We are told [Act 7:47](#) But Solomon built him an house.

Act 7:48 Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,

Act 7:49 Heaven is my throne, and earth is ~~foot~~stool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?

So they fail to build up the Kingdom of God as they are building buildings and organisational structures and not the individual citizens of The Kingdom in which the temple now exists because the presence of The Holy Spirit is in it.

Jesus said that He would build His church. He would use those to build The Kingdom that let Him use them. But they would be doing what He required of them through Love for Him and not from the necessary obedience to a Law or ritual (as the church of Israel had been).

The Law of The Kingdom

There is only one moral law in the universe. The Law of The

Kingdom of God. All other moral laws are in part or whole a reflection of this or a rejection, in part or whole, of this. The Mosaic Law was a reflection of the law of The Kingdom of God but has been superceded by The Law of Love (Jn 13:34-35, Acts 15). The Law of The Kingdom is Love, because the Kingdom is an expression of God who is pure Love. If it is not for this Love we would not exist.

The Law of The Kingdom applied from before eternity and creation and will apply after these are gone. The Kingdom law of Love is the primary law The Body must obey this Law and all else God has created in some way is a reflection of this Law.

(Where is this quality expressed in the modern church where churches do not even help those of their own denomination that need help, let alone help those in other denominations or outside of the denomination in non-affiliated churches?)

The Ceremonial Mosaic Law applied only from Moses to when Jesus died, as He replaced it with a new covenant. The Mosaic moral law still applies. (Some have been made redundant and the dietary laws were changed by Jesus in Acts 10). The spiritual principles in it are still valid as they are eternal. But they are now measured by obedience to The Law of Love and not to a written legal system which The Mosaic Law was.

Because the Law of Love is not legalistic and is not written down, we need The Guidance of The Holy Spirit to interpret it as God desires us to live and apply it in our life.

Jesus, through His death, made it possible for all people born on earth to be reconciled with God and His Kingdom and not just with Himself (Eph. 2:16, Col. 1:20). However, this reconciliation occurs only if a person accepts Jesus as their Lord as well as what He has done. But the potential is there for all on earth to be reconciled (Heb 10:10).

The Body of Christ reflects the fellowship we will have in heaven. The traditional church is not The Body of Christ. But is a meeting of people who profess to be Christian and at times may approximate the love and fellowship we will have in heaven. Those belonging to The Body will be doing The Work of The Kingdom rather than the work of a denomination and by their fruits you will know who they belong too: The Kingdom and The Body or a denomination or both.

They will be the ones who are frustrated because the denomination/church do not do the work of Jesus and are the ones rejected and cast out if they raise this issue and pursue it.

When Jesus died He established a New Covenant (Testament) based on The Kingdom of God and summarised by the following verse:

Heb 10:16-17 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins ~~iniquities~~ will I remember no more.

This was to signify the presence of the Holy Spirit given to each one of the followers of Jesus after He ascended to heaven. There was no longer a need for a temple or a high priest. The Mosaic Law and its sacrificial system were no longer applicable and the temple was removed to signify this in 70 AD.

The Holy Spirit marks us as belonging to The Kingdom of God and that we are part of His Temple. Jesus also removed the blockages between God and ourselves so we can go directly to God (through Jesus Jn 14:6) and do not need any other intermediary or place to pray and worship, like a temple or church. He alone is sufficient for all our spiritual needs and is our High Priest. We can worship where we are, when we want too and need no one else to be there to do this. All you need is a desire to worship and to have intimacy with The Father, Jesus or The

Holy Spirit.

You have a relationship with all three members of The Trinity. So, the relationship with each of them must be cultivated individually if you would be intimate with God in a complete way and not just with one or two members of The Trinity.

The New Covenant (Rom 8)

The New Covenant was mediated by Jesus and witnessed to by Calvary and is based on God's Love and Grace. As the old commandments were no longer applicable a new commandment was required that would express this new covenant.

Jn 13:34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

This now replaces The Law and is the only real commandment of the New Testament that Jesus gave and which is the basis of all other New Testament directives. It is the basis of all the moral commandments of The Law and so if you keep this Law of Love you will satisfy all God's legal requirements.

Rom 13:10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore the fulfilling of the law.

Salvation is a relationship (Jn 17:3) and this new commandment shows the type of relationship it is. A relationship based on Love!

The New Testament is the legacy of the death of Jesus. The New Covenant is an agreement between us and God dependent on our keeping our side of the relationship.

What is the purpose of The Body?

The Body of Christ on earth is used by God to further His Kingdom and also to bring Him Glory, Honour and Praise as

well as to worship Him through obedience to Him and to show God's Love and Grace in all they do. They are also to demonstrate the authority of The Kingdom of God over His enemy, Satan, and by this bring Jesus Glory and Honour as well as expand The Kingdom of God

Everything a church does should be directed to these things or it will result in glory and honour to man and be a form of idolatry. Churches do not do God's Will if they do not demonstrate, preach or teach the Kingdom of God, of which the church is suppose to be an example of in this world.

When you become a Christian and follower of Jesus the minister invites you to join the church or denomination. You already are a citizen of The Kingdom of God so why do you have to join a church or denomination as you are part of the true church. The minister should be asking you to join their fellowship of Kingdom orientated believers in that church. Anything else is not Biblical but for man's purposes.

The exception to this is if the laws of the land or Jesus require you to belong to a denomination or church. In which case you must obey the laws of the land and join one. A follower of Jesus lives in and for The Kingdom of God and may attend a church but the denomination or church is not important to them.

Is Jesus in the church building?

Jesus said that where to or three people were gathered in His Name (in other words to do His Will or purposes) He was in their midst. Nowhere does He say He is in a building. In fact, God says no building can contain Him. He is in His Kingdom which is in His citizens on earth and in Heaven, its true base for us.

So, if the church meets for the purposes of Jesus. Then He is in

their midst. The presence of the building is irrelevant.

The invisible church

To many people in the western world a church is usually a moral place which they have little or no interaction with and have no idea what happens there. In a sense, to many it may as well be a secret society as they have little or no idea what it is or does.

They are attracted by New Age, Masonic lodges, Satanism or religions that appear to have spiritual power and authority in which people can get involved on a personal basis. They attract people though Satan demonstrating his 'powers' through his followers. These religions and cults give a person a purpose and interaction with the spiritual which is lacking in most churches. Because they do not teach or demonstrate The Kingdom of God or its Authority over Satan and his works.

However, once a church walks in God's quality of love and demonstrates the authority and power of Jesus (signs and wonders and deliverance etc.) and not just use the world's methods to sustain their budgets and grow in numbers, people will see it is different to religions and cults and as they see it overcome demons, illness and other works of Satan then they will see Jesus as being greater than the New Age or Satan. The church must show greatness this or die spiritually.

Until a church can do these things it is not going to be part of The Body or to do the work of Jesus, hinder Satan's Kingdom, rescue people from Satan's influences or destroy his works. It may as well be a social club of high moral standards or a secret society for a few who know the ritual and language of the church.

Kingdom Living

The principles of The Kingdom express themselves in creation and they are written on the hearts of men by The Holy Spirit so they can be seen by man in God's creation. Even scientists who do not believe in Jesus recognise there is order in the universe but do not ascribe it to God.

As you express the relationship you have with The King you either follow these principles (being led by The Holy Spirit) or follow man's principles expressed by a church or denomination in their rules and requirements that are additional too or which may modify what The Bible teaches.

If the guidance and empowerment of The Holy Spirit are no longer sought and deliverance from the ravages of Satan on people no longer is done then the church activities become little different to what the world does and there is little to differentiate the methods of the church from that of the world.

If the church/denomination does not preach The Kingdom it does not preach a purpose greater than that which the world offers and has little to offer the world. It will be ineffective for the purposes of evangelism in this current New Age environment.

Without the guidance of The Holy Spirit, deliverance or other manifestations of the Kingdom of God the church becomes little more than a social worker using reason and man's method giving lip service to The Holy Spirit and the Kingdom of God. The tools of organisation and/or methods of working that Satan promotes in the world are used as they 'work' but are 'Christianized' to be acceptable to the denomination or church.

The denominations promote a social gospel having not the power and authority of God so it must use man's (Satan's world) methods and devices.

There is also the opposite end of this situation where The Spirit is followed and deliverance is carried out but excesses occur as Christianity becomes emotion driven and not Biblically driven so that the guidance of the Holy Spirit becomes hidden or obscured as it all becomes an emotional experience and not a spiritual one. This results in the emotional experience being sought and not Jesus and/or the guidance of The Holy Spirit. This is a form of idolatry.

Satan has trained the non-spirit-led church well. Deliverance is made to appear difficult even dangerous and something to be feared or done after long study and striving for holiness. Demons are allowed to manifest to further make people hesitant to work in deliverance. Yet deliverance is so simple and non-intrusive when it is done the way Jesus desires it to be done. (See my book called 'A Basic Deliverance Method' for details).

The churches do not demonstrate the supernatural power of The Kingdom over Satan and his works so lose people to the new age which appears to have this authority and power over demons. But the demons pretend this to capture the eternal souls of the people who believe they control them.

Satan cripples the church through their ignoring the things of The Kingdom and everyone continues in the church as if nothing is wrong. They have been duped by Satan into believing what they do in church is normal to the Christian life and the expression of The Kingdom and they wonder why their life does not do more for Jesus! It is not they do not want to do more for Jesus. It is just they are not taught how by an institutionalized religion that protects itself and perpetuates itself within the limits of safe parameters and control of the people through denominational rules.

There is also the witchcraft spirit in a church that controls the

people for the purposes of the people in charge. People do what the leaders say or they are considered to be troublemakers or spiritually immature and are ignored spiritually and are even cast out of the church so that they will not 'negatively' influence other members of the church or lead them into denominational error.

Often the leaders unknowingly guide the church for their own self-esteem purposes or out of pride, feelings of inadequacy or denominational purposes and not as the Holy Spirit wants it led. This is a major problem in denominations where minister put the denomination and/or church agenda and their advancement in the denomination ahead of what Jesus desires them to do.

Unity of The Spirit

Eph 4:36. And to be diligent to keep the harmony of The Spirit in the bonds of peace And that you would be in one body and One Spirit as when you were called in one hope of your calling. For THE LORD JEHOVAH is One, and the faith is one, and the baptism is one And One is God The Father of all, and over all and with all and in us all.

Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Why do people ignore these verses?

Why do they promote churches and denominations when there are none in heaven?

Why do they ignore The Kingdom?

When man stops promoting his ideas of what The Kingdom is and turns to what God describes it. Then there will be true unity

It is only as you walk in unity with God, being unified through The common Holy Spirit in all Christians that you will you walk in unity with Him and other Christians. The Holy Spirit gives us the instructions of God so we know what God desires us to do. And it is only as we listen to Him will we walk in harmony with God and the other members of The Body who follow Jesus fulfilling what God desires us to do (Jn 16:13, Job 32:8).

This is how The Body is supposed to function. All are led by The Holy Spirit and all work in unity of purpose in accordance with the Will of Jesus. Anybody or committee or governance that sets itself up to make laws for the interaction of The Body (unless set up and guided by The Holy Spirit) is interfering with God's guidance through the Holy Spirit and limiting God's guidance in people by making The Holy Spirit's leading subordinate to man's judgment.

It is only as each person is guided by the Holy Spirit will they perform the role God requires them to perform in the body so that it will function as it should. They will also know when their role changes and be prepared for it by The Spirit.

Satan knows these which is why people who are buided by The Spirit are ridiculed and/or forced out of many churches or have The Spirit's leading quenched in them through control spirits working through the leade ship in a church.

The fact that there are factions within denominations and churches show that this unity of The Holy Spirit is not there. This means that those whopromote their denomination, church, faction or theological viewpoint do not promote The Kingdom or they would be listening to The Holy Spirit and promoting The Kingdom of God and removing the disunity of The Body in the denominations!

By their fruit you will know them said Jesus. So according to

the way a person lives and relates to others in The Body will be how you know whether they are of The Body or of the denomination/church system.

Remember! You will be judged for how you dealt with what you knew and understood about Jesus and His kingdom and not what the denomination or church taught you were to do about their requirements.

If you knowingly did not promote The Kingdom and the unity of The Spirit that is integral to the Body of Christ then you could be in a precarious position in regard to salvation when you face Jesus and give an account to Him of your life. Depending whether you did it out of ignorance or deliberately for your own purposes.

People are without excuse for not promoting what they know of The Kingdom of God or learning how to do this. Jesus spoke only of The Kingdom and His example was to preach, teach and demonstrate The Kingdom of God (Matt 4:23) and He is our example!

So why is the church not promoting the unity of The Kingdom? Or teaching The Kingdom in the way Jesus taught it? Satan has entered into its teachings and corrupted them so at times they teach what he desires and not what God desires. Otherwise there would be no disunity amongst Christians and The Bible would be unconditionally believed and obeyed.

Satan teaches enough truth for people to accept his error and deceive the church and denomination so that they follow a teaching of The Kingdom that will not cause Satan any problems.

This is why evangelism has become specialised, spiritual warfare non-existent against Satan and deliverance is considered unnecessary by many Christians or too difficult to do.

The Body belongs to Jesus.

He places people where He needs them to be for His Will to be done and protects them so that they can carry it out. The Holy Spirit trains people for their role in The Body and The Father provides for the needs of The Body on behalf of Jesus

As people walk in the principles Matt 6:33 each day. They are being trained and placed where Jesus needs them to be at that moment of time and they will be doing what He needs them to be doing at that point of time. You will be in the place you need to be to serve Him and do His Will and you will do your part in The Body. So that it will function as it should and the purposes of The Kingdom of God will be advanced.

While Christians may believe they are isolated or doing little for Jesus. If they are obeying Him then they are where He desires them to be for His Purposes. It is just we cannot see this to appreciate what He is using us for.

All you are required to do is to wholeheartedly obey Him and leave the consequences to Him. Jesus does not judge you according to your results but according to your heart attitude in the way you did the service for Him.

Unity is necessary to be a follower of Jesus

Churches should be in unity in The Body and have no denominational differences. To preserve denominational differences is to make the denomination an idol as it is placed before the unity we should have through The Holy Spirit.

Any denomination that will not relate to others is in danger of being a cult as it usually has to modify or ignore Bible requirements to keep any incorrect attitudes to other Christians or denominations/churches, one of them being the Law of Love.

Any denomination half-heartedly relating to other

denominations is in danger of hypocrisy as well as idolatry. Idolatry is putting anything before God's requirements and the Law of Love requires you to love other Christians and to fellowship with them to your mutual benefit.

For one church to have more than they need and another not have what they need is to make any church knowingly withholding from another (and the leaders of it) guilty of covetousness or pride, putting their church before the needs of others (unless The Spirit says to withhold it). It is also a lack of trust in God's provision (Matt 6:33, 2 Cor 8:10-15).

It is also bad stewardship. If they both belonged to The Body this situation would not arise.

Not to share with another, if God tells you too, when you have and they do not, is against His Law of Love and is also disobedience. You are only a steward and not an owner of what you have. So, to knowingly disobey God in this stewardship and not repent will lead you to hell.

For one denomination to not relate to another as they think the other is not correct in their beliefs is pride unless there is something actually wrong, according to The Bible, that the other denomination is doing. If there is nothing they are doing wrong then why are there two denominations? To humbly not show the other that they are wrong according to the Bible is also a lack of love. If the other denomination will deliberately not accept the truth of The Bible then they are a cult. To sit there and criticise them and do nothing about telling them what The Bible says is a lack of God's quality of Love, and also gossip and slander.

A denomination is formed by a split or mass exodus in another denomination because they believe the old denomination is in error. The corollary is that only one denomination can ever

really be right, namely one of the last two that split.. So, which one of the denominations is the correct one? All the denominations, by their being different, say the others are not following Jesus as they should. This difference is what is needed to be dealt with. To know it is there and not deal with it is deliberate disobedience to Jesus. Who desires all his followers to be in harmony with each other in The Body.

This is different to trying to resolve differences and one of the denominations is not interested in doing this.

Often, the only real difference in denominations is the structure and the man-made rules of the denomination. And it is only the preservation of the denominational name and structure (identity) that stops unity of The Body of Christ. Why are they preserving a denominational name anyway? Why do they not promote Jesus in their name and not a person or place?

People forget we are only stewards and not owners of what God has placed us in charge of. To divide the body through keeping assets to ourselves that belong to God (which should be used to help other peoples and churches) is misuse of what God has given us to be His steward of.

To evangelize and area independent of the other churches in the area is pride or else you would ask them to join you and all would be done in unity without reference to what each denomination can afford to put into the outreach. Or what each denomination promotes as their beliefs. Or to what church the new converts are to attend. You are proclaiming The Kingdom of God and all churches in the area should belong to this Kingdom including yours and should work as a unity in this area. If you do not work with other churches you are really promoting your kingdom (denomination/church) at the expense of The True Kingdom.

Any church ignoring the evil or needs around it or being indifferent to them is being lukewarm and not expanding The Kingdom of God and tolerating the enemy expanding their kingdom around it. Jesus has said these people will risk being spewed out by Jesus by rejecting His will, becoming more and more like the world in its activities and attitudes.

Ministers knowingly promoting things for the sake of their church or denomination have made these an idol promoting disunity of The Holy Spirit and may not belong to God's Kingdom or they would be promoting unity of the Holy Spirit and expanding the Kingdom and not the denomination. These ministers also divide the Kingdom of God. Jesus says a kingdom divided will not stand. This perhaps is why the Kingdom of God is not expanding as it should in many places and churches are dying spiritually and financially.

The reformation left the work of The Kingdom and The Holy Spirit out of it and concentrated on theology. It took away the supernatural, spiritual expression of The Kingdom. This left only theology as a way for a minister to express their faith and the denominational purposes took the place of the direction and guidance of The Holy Spirit. Is it any wonder ministers are denominational and church focused?

Churches not meeting their budgets are not doing the work of Jesus as He promises to meet all their needs if they wholeheartedly seek Him and His kingdom (do His work). The question arises as to whose work they are doing? If it is not God's whose is it?

Churches not defending Jesus, His Name and His things are not doing the work of The Kingdom and do not belong to Jesus possibly. For if He was their Lord, they would be defending these things of His (Rom 10:9-10).

Any church or denomination tolerating in it things not of the Bible (such as homosexuality, same sex marriage or other non-biblical arrangements) is not of God and is a cult in danger of hell fire. People in it may be a part of The Body but not the denomination or church leadership (if they agree to these things by staying with The Denomination). Because most Christians focus on what the church or denomination says the Christian life is, they are not listening to the Holy Spirit and doing what Jesus desires them to do for the Kingdom of God.

Any Christian who listens to the Holy Spirit and not the denomination or church representative is usually placed on the fringe so they cannot cause 'trouble' in the church. They may even be asked to leave by the minister, or leaders of the church to remove these 'disruptive' influences from their church.

God does not cast out those who seek Him and try to serve Him. Only Satan does that so he can maintain what he has in that church or to replace them with his own version of 'Christian'.

If the denomination/church was The Body, they would not cast out those who caused problems in the church because they sought Jesus in a deeper level but would have embraced them.

Church members are taught to focus on what the denomination or church thinks or says God wants and not asked the Holy Spirit what Jesus wants. This is why you are not taught how to hear the Holy Spirit because He is really irrelevant in most churches.

They do not really teach that salvation is a relationship so do not teach how to relate to each member of The Trinity!

This attitude of listening to the minister only and not researching what is actually taught in the Bible is common to all denominations and churches. This is done so that people find

only what the denomination or church says is in the Bible so that they will blindly follow what they are told and not cause problems. The Holy Spirit is the interpreter of The Bible (Jon 32:8) and promises to teach you what is there (Jn 16:13) if you really want to know (Jn 7:17).

When people start to examine the Bible and do what it says. Then they will live as The Kingdom requires and will see how far from the truth most churches are.

Most churches do not listen to what the Holy Spirit wants them to do and wonder why they are not growing and are longer relevant to society. God cannot use them as they are too busy maintaining or expanding a denomination or church and not ministering His Kingdom to people. It is only as The Holy Spirit leads a person in all aspects of their life, will they live as Jesus desires them to live and become productive members of The Body. Illustrating The Kingdom in all they do.

Matt 7:21-22. It is not everyone that says to me, 'My Lord, my Lord', who enters the Kingdom of Heaven, but whoever does the will of my Father who is in Heaven. Many will say to me in that day, 'My Lord, my Lord, have we not prophesied in your name, and in your name have cast out demons, and have done many mighty works in your name?'

Like 6:46 "Why are you calling me, 'My Lord, my Lord', and you are not doing whatever I say?"

Christian Fellowship

The most important Christian fellowship you have is with:

The Father

The Lord Jesus Christ

The Holy Spirit

These fellowship arrangements result in salvation as well as the guidance and empowerment to live the Christian life.

Develop these fellowships if you would get to heaven

Definition

Fellow: from 'To tie or connect'. A fellow is connected with you in some way.

Ship (Saxon) 'to shape or form'. Hence the following definition of Fellowship:

Two people bound together for a common purpose with the objective of building something, either physical or spiritual. For a Christian, it is the body of Christ that is built up through building up one another because of their common focus and obedience to Jesus and His things. For the world, it is meeting

with a purpose to do something. Most of what the church calls Christian fellowship is often worldly in nature and is really socialising.

Fellowship occurs when two or more members of The Body meet for the purposes of The King of The Kingdom of God. Otherwise it is just socialising.

In this section, the term fellowship is used to refer only to Christian fellowship.

Redemption and fellowship

What does redemption have to do with fellowship

Redemption is all about the restoration of Fellowship: with God and fellowship with each other, through the unity of The Holy Spirit in all of the redeemed. This undefiled state, that allows the presence of The Holy Spirit to be in us, is only possible because of the consequences of sin being dealt with at Calvary.

Fellowship with God

God is a Trinity so you really fellowship with three people whose fellowship must be cultivated individually and not collectively. So to Fellowship with God is to fellowship with The Father, The Lord Jesus and The Holy Spirit on an individual basis with each of them.

Five matters can be stated in regards to fellowship with God:

God initiated it

Man Lost it

Jesus restored it

Faith is required for it

Our loving obedience is required to maintain it

God initiated fellowship with us

God made us so we could have fellowship with Him. There can be no other reason for God to make us in His image (nature and character) except to be able to relate to Him. He did not need servants as He had the angels for that purpose.

For some reason, the fellowship we can have with God is different to what the angels can have. It is possibly because the fact we have suffered on earth to obtain this fellowship and must do our part to maintain it as well as resist His enemy to continue to walk in this fellowship as He desires us too, makes it different to that of the angels and special to God.

We who have not seen Him desire to be in fellowship with Him while many of those who have seen Him have rejected Him (demons).

Man Lost it

Adam and Eve walked with God in a fellowship relationship but were tricked by Satan to reject God's authority (rebel against Him) and by this broke fellowship with God. They did not appreciate God's Love for them or what He did for them so followed what they thought was best for them.

Amongst other consequences of this fall from fellowship and following Satan was the inability to relate to God on a personal basis. So that they could not be with Him in His Kingdom until they rejected Satan and came to God and accepted His authority over them again. This relationship with God results from faith in whom Jesus is, what He has taught as well as the redemption He gave us at Calvary.

To approach God under The Law, people had to sacrifice an animal in their place so that their defilement caused by their sin was removed through the act of the life of the animal being used to take their place and dying in their place. For a small farmer with a few animals the loss of one animal was a major cost. So, in faith they offered their animal believing God could replace it and even better multiply their offering.

The animal was punished for their sin just as Jesus was punished for ours, even though, just like the animal, He had done nothing wrong to deserve death.

Jesus restored our relationship with God for those who accepted His sacrifice at Calvary.

Jesus died on the cross to replace the sacrificial animal so that

we do not need to sacrifice an animal any more to enter His presence. Salvation was still by faith but it now became possible to be in God's presence on a second by second basis because all the defilement for sin (which stopped you approaching God) as well as the punishment for your sins were dealt with by Jesus at Calvary.

Salvation saved us from hell but redemption allowed us to enter heaven.

The result of Jesus taking on Himself our sin and its punishment meant that we no longer were defiled by sin and its consequences and God now sees us as being undefiled and pure so that we can approach Him now at any time.

As we were no longer defiled, God could now place the presence of His Holy Spirit in us so that we would always be His 'Temple', when we were in a proper relationship with God. The righteousness (correct relationship) with God, that the Law could not give, Calvary gave so that there is no need to approach God through the offering of the life of an animal in our place.

This new access requires a personal sacrifice from you to be in continual fellowship with God through the making of Him as your Lord and the offering of yourself on a second by second basis for Him to use as He will. This is how a citizen of His Kingdom lives anyway. So, if you want to be a part of His Kingdom you offer yourself to Him to use on a continual basis or you may soon find you do not belong to His Kingdom.

This obedience to Jesus occurs because the person knows God only does what is best for them and loves God sufficiently to have this attitude.

God has not called you to work for Him. He has called you to fellowship with Him and as a result of this love relationship to serve Him willingly, regardless of the cost and whether or not

there is a reward for the service.

Fellowship with God requires faith, love, obedience and holiness

You do not value something you do not desire and you will not pursue fervently something you do not believe exists.

Fellowship can often be stopped by a belief that you are not worthy to be in fellowship with God. So that you do not desire it as you believe you are unworthy to obtain it. Usually it is expressed as:

"How can God love me? I am such a bad/evil person and so unworthy of His Love?"

This is a wrong attitude as God does not see you that way unless you have completely rejected Him and gone over to Satan. God accepts you as you are and all He requires you to do is have faith in Him and what He offers you and then to wholeheartedly try to obey Him in all the things He asks you to do. If you fail, then wholeheartedly repent, keep going and keep wholeheartedly trying to obey Him as that is all He requires you to do. You will not fail to go to heaven for trying with your whole heart and failing. You will go for not trying at all, depending on the reason for doing this.

There are five aspects to this faith:

A belief that:

God exists as a Trinity

He desires to relate to you

You must believe it is possible to relate to Him as you are now

You must believe it is worthwhile to relate to Him

The desire to relate must be from Love and not from a desire

to obtain things from Him or fear of going to hell.

Fellowship is found on the Mat 6:33 path of obedience

As you try to obey God (and you will succeed) you walk on the path He has created for you individually from before the foundation of the world on which is fellowship with Him amongst all the other things He has prepared for your enjoyment. Fellowship is an automatic result of walking this path and should be sought and desired as you walk this path. God has gone before you on this path and prepared it so understands all that is on it and Jesus is there waiting, along with The Holy Spirit to walk with you, guide you through it and help you to live as you should as a Christian.

In Conclusion to this section

Fellowship with God is part of the normal Christian walk and if you do not have this fellowship then you need to examine why and correct any problems you have that stop this fellowship. Deliverance is usually required to correct problems stopping fellowship and this is perhaps the first step required in restoring your belief system to a place where you can believe you can have fellowship with God.

Fellowship in the New Testament

The New Testament says little about fellowship. So that what it says must be important.

Part of the normal Christian life is fellowship!

(Act 2:42) And they continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

In Heb 10:24-25 we are told to meet together to strengthen and encourage one another and this is a main purpose of fellowship. It is not just socializing as that can be done anywhere. But it is meeting for the purpose of encouraging each other in our common Christian faith in Jesus.

Remember that a we fellowship with each other Jesus is there and we fellowship with Him which is the main purpose He created us for.

God has called us to fellowship

(1Co1:9) God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

God see fellowship as very important and calls all His followers to be involved in fellowship with each member of The Trinity and each other.

We are not to fellowship with people who do not follow Jesus as Lord.

(1Co10:20) But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

As fellowship has a spiritual element, involvement in it has spiritual implications and connotations and if you fellowship with those not of Jesus you will be affected adversely in

some way.

You can have no fellowship with Satan or his citizens. This does not mean any social interaction. It means no spiritual interaction.

It also means that ecumenicism is not Godly if it is in fellowship.

(2Co 6:14) Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

Fellowship cannot be between Christian and non-Christian. Fellowship can have different purposes. One is ministering to the saints (fellow Christians). Another is encouraging each other in normal social interactions.

(2Co 8:4) Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the felbwship of the ministering to the saints.

As the spiritual is involved, people with different spiritual maturity will fellowship at different levels because of their experience and knowledge is different as is level of maturity. At times they will fellowship as equals and at other times there will be a mentoring in their fellowship to the newer or more immature Christians.

Fellowship is granted and not assumed or taken. It must be agreed to by the other person. After all, it is a relationship and both need to want to have it.

(Gal 2:9) And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of felbwship that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

Like all relationships it takes two to tango.

Christian fellowship can only be with those who are citizens of

The Kingdom of God.

(Eph 3:9) And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

Those you are unable to have fellowship with you should try and lead them to Jesus.

(Eph 5:11) And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

You reprove them by your lifestyle. By not agreeing to be a partaker of their evil or by explaining to them what God says about what they are doing and also demonstrating the benefits to their life of obeying God unless they are willing to listen..

The basis of fellowship is the acceptance of The Gospel of The Kingdom

(Php 1:5) For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;

It is through the unity in The Holy Spirit that results from accepting The Gospel of The Kingdom that fellowship occurs. Remember that Jesus never spoke of The Gospel of Salvation but only of The Gospel of The Kingdom of God (Matt 4:23)

We are in constant fellowship with The Holy Spirit

(Php 2:1) If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any lowly and mercies,

The Holy Spirit's presence is in our spirit. So that we can have constant fellowship with Him and because of that we are never alone. You always have someone to talk too and fellowship with. So that you are never alone.

He will talk to you if you want Him too and want to hear Him, because He will not intrude into your mind except to warn

you or guide you as is necessary for the purposes of The Kingdom of God. In fact, Jesus sent Him to lead you and guide you in your Christian walk. So, to not listen to Him is dangerous for a follower of Jesus.

There is a unity with others as we embrace suffering resulting from doing the work of Jesus

(Php 3:10) That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

The attitudes that drive us to suffer for Jesus are not shared by all so that there is a special fellowship amongst these people who have suffered that those who have not suffered do not know.

One of the reasons for evangelism is so that others can enter into fellowship with Jesus and us.

(1Jn1:3) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

It is callous not to tell others of salvation when you have been so freely given it to you by God.

No hypocrite or sinner can be in fellowship with Jesus or other Christians if they voluntarily do evil and do not repent.

(1Jn1:6) If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

The requirement for Christian fellowship is to wholeheartedly obey

Jesus in all you do and walk in His truth in all things.

(1Jn1:7) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

The Holy Spirit is present unifying a fellowship when it is there for the purposes of Jesus.

Act 15:25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you without Barnabas and Paul,

Fellowship in General

Fellowship can only take place in The Body of Christ. If Christ and His Kingdom and purposes are not central to the purpose of any meeting then it is not Christian fellowship.

Is it fellowship if we all meet together and ignore the fact that Jesus is there?

Fellowship is also a result of having Stewardship of your relationships in their proper place so that you know when you are fellowshiping (in the Christian meaning of the expression) and when you are socialising.

Fellowshipping does not make you part of the body of Christ. Fellowship is the result of obedience to Jesus as Lord because you are part of his 'Body' already. When you relate to Jesus correctly you are in a correct relationship to others in His 'Body' through the unity of the Holy Spirit in all of you.

Only as you are one in the Spirit with the other people you are fellowshiping with can it be as Jesus desires it to be. Fellowship based on anything else is really just a form of social interaction. Fellowship must be based on the Love of Christ in you so that there is no fear in it or it will be inhibited in some way

Worship and fellowship are different. Worship is to do with giving deference to someone you consider more worthy than yourself. The danger is that this person may become an idol and replace God. Fellowship is to do with a relationship between people whose focus is Jesus and His Will for their life. This focus

is expressed in the reason they do things together – namely, the purposes of Jesus and His Kingdom!

Intimacy can occur in both fellowship and worshipping together. The degree of intimacy determines the depth of the relationship. This is why the most intimate fellowship we have with a person is as their spouse of which sex is a part of this fellowship if properly practiced..

Fellowship is an expression of the correct stewardship of relationships. As relationships and how we managed them are the basis of all we take to heaven then fellowship and its stewardship takes on significant importance.

Fellowship occurs when two or more like minded people gather to discuss a common interest or activity to do with Jesus and His purposes for them. The basis for Christian fellowship is Jesus and the love He develops in us for each other. It is the subject or purpose of the fellowship meeting that determines the direction and the intensity of the fellowship as well as what should be done during it. The deeper the intimacy that occurs between people the deeper the fellowship that results.

What we call church these days is really a 'synagogue' type experience unlike the early church which met in homes, had no formal meeting structure as it was led by The Holy Spirit, shared a common meal and purpose and celebrated The Lord's Supper in the process. Jesus was the focus of the meeting and not procedure or ritual to maintain order. Procedure and ritual are only necessary when people are not led by the Holy Spirit and He is not in charge of the meeting.

Christian Marriage is the deepest and intimate fellowship relationship we have on earth and is second only to the relationship we individually have with The Father, Jesus and The Holy Spirit.

Purpose of Fellowship Meetings

The Holy Spirit uses fellowship meetings for the encouraging of each other, through teaching and through sharing how God has blessed members, as well as through meeting the needs of each other (healing, deliverance, healings etc Heb 10:24,25).

Four objectives of fellowship are as follows:

1. To encourage, support and build up our self and each other in our common faith
2. To encourage ourselves and each other to express our faith in loving service to God and others
3. To help us solve problems we or others have in our Christian walk through Godly counsel and the assistance of the more mature Christians there.
4. To meet and demonstrate the purposes and authority The Kingdom of God over Satan and his works, to the world. This is why evangelism is so important as is the expression of the Authority of The Kingdom over Satan, his plans, his works and his demons.

Fellowship and the Church

Most modern church services are more like the assemblies held in the Temple with all its legalism ritual and formalism that has resulted in a two class system - Clergy and laity (minister/priest and congregation) that is similar to the system under the Nicolaitans, which Jesus soundly condemned in His book of Revelation.

The rise of the professional clergy class resulted in the institutional church. The Institutional church was needed to support those professional clergy whose purpose was to promote their institution and maintain it so they could use it as a basis to

work from. There were also those who joined the church ministry, because they were poor because of the security it gave them in a time when most people were poor and hunger was common. And of course, there were those that joined the church because of self-esteem problems to find what they considered a worthwhile purpose in life.

Previously to this institutionalised system, people who ministered usually worked during the day and ministered in their free time either at work or outside their work hours. They supported themselves so did not need an institution to support them. They had usually no academic qualifications and there was no structure for them to be promoted in. There was no salary or payment for their services and all was done because of their love for Jesus and His Kingdom.

There were some wandering ministers but they were evangelists who were sent to proclaim Jesus to the world. These did not necessarily have a church supporting them. But all who felt God wanted them too gave to their support and these evangelists were welcomed into the homes of the early Christians who also helped support them when they were in their locality.

There was never the problem of size in these home groups. If they got too large, they split and met in two houses. This is what it will be like in the millennium where there will be no denominations and few paid Christian workers whose main work is to encourage the faith and guide house churches.

Once the institutional church was formed, authority, wealth and prestige became important and large church buildings were built. These were too big for the communal meal. So, this practice was stopped and was no longer a part of the fellowship of this two-tiered church system. What was left was a system for worship similar to the temple with clergy and the people (laity)

separate. Without the appropriate qualifications you could not serve God. Women were also precluded from ministering in the churches.

Satan had managed to remove the system of early worship Jesus had instituted where the family was the basis of worship and family (fellowship) meals in the Body were an important part of fellowship and it has replaced it with one similar to the formalism and ritual that was in the Jewish worship service. With this, fellowship in the meeting, as it was instituted by Jesus, disappeared.

House churches that support a pastor or minister are still in this system and are in this sense still removed from the early church meetings where the clergy and laity classification did not exist.

In the Azusa Street revivals there was no division between minister and congregation but The Holy Spirit led the meeting with people He chose to lead at that time.

In the beginning spiritually mature people were used to guide the house churches and as The Holy Spirit guided them they ministered. When The Holy Spirit was removed as guide to the church by formality and the need for structure in these big churches and their denomination organization, it meant rules, regulations and accreditation was brought into the church system to ensure standards of a denomination was maintained.

The worship in the church no longer represented Jesus but a man ordered system that ignored The Holy Spirit and did what seemed best using The Bible to suit whatever purposes they wanted to bring in. So words in the Bible were redefined or interpreted to mean what they wanted them to mean. This is the basis of modern theology – what man understands or reasons theology to be and not what The Holy Spirit says it should be.

Because modern denominational church meetings are based on man's reasonings of what they should be, the focus is on the preacher/speaker and the order of the service and not on Jesus. This is why it is difficult or even impossible for a congregation to have fellowship in a church that follows denominational guidelines for worship and ignores the guidance of The Holy Spirit. There may be fellowship between a few but not the unity that would result in fellowship of the whole congregation. This lack of Fellowship results in division in the church, as well as cliques as each tries to maintain and defend their social standing, authority, belief or group in the local church.

The Holy Spirit and Fellowship

Without The Holy Spirit there can be no true fellowship. As it is only in the unity of the Holy Spirit that true fellowship occurs.

The reformation brought people back to the Truths of The Bible but not the workings of The Holy Spirit to church meetings in the way the early church use to have them. So that the formality continued. The reformation also ignored the role of a personal Holy Spirit in worship so new groups arose that were truer to God and His Bible but were not Spirit led as the early church was. They held to The Bible faithfully but did not know the Power of God as demonstrated by Jesus and by all who correctly preach, teach and demonstrate the Kingdom of God. This was because they majored on the Gospel of Salvation and not on The Gospel of the Kingdom or the demonstration of the authority The Kingdom.

Holiness revivals were spirit led but usually stayed in the church structure and Satan was able to subvert them by playing on the ego and pride of ministers and managing to get error

into the understanding of The Holy Spirit and His role in the church.

While there are clergy and laity type systems in the church or The Holy Spirit does not lead a church you will never get back to the worship style of Jesus and the early church because the division of laity and clergy puts a divide there that was not in the early church and hinders fellowship and unity from being expressed in the way Jesus desires fellowship to be expressed.

Only as people are of equal status in Jesus (Gal 3:28) and led by the Holy Spirit, are they in fellowship can The Holy Spirit lead any fellowship as He should and set it up as it was in the time of the Apostles.

I am not saying we do not have leaders but that these leaders are drawn from the fellowship itself and not from a privileged or educated class that have a certificate but not a mandate from Christ to lead where they are. These leaders that are drawn from the fellowship are there because The Holy Spirit has appointed and anointed them for that task and not because they studied in an educational institute to learn the best man made ways of leading and ministering.

The Holy Spirit does not need denominations, churches, clergy or theologians to do the Work of God. He just needs people who are willing to be guided by The Holy Spirit and who will do what He says. Who will walk in constant fellowship with God.

These Holy Spirit led people will serve Jesus and His Kingdom and not some denomination or church system as they are not shackled by being associated with any of these. These people will serve Jesus out of love for Him and His people and not because they will have prestige, power, more income or a bigger church. They have no promotional structure to work towards or to prove they are worthy to be promoted by Jesus in the

organisation as they desire only Jesus and His Will for them and His people. In this attitude is true fellowship with Jesus and each other. Knowledge will not be the basis for promotion but spiritual maturity and experience will.

All Christ led ministry is a form of fellowship.

When ministry is correctly performed in God's type of Love, a fellowship situation occurs. Love is the mark of The Kingdom of God so its true expression can only be for the purposes of The King. All true ministry is done in God's type of Love for the purposes of The King and thus His Kingdom is fellowship.

The Christian life should be a life of fellowship in some degree or other with Christians we meet as it is an interaction of people who follow Jesus for the purposes of Jesus out of Love for what He has done for them.

Epilogue to fellowship

The Christian life should be a life of constant fellowship with God and at times with other Christians. Only as you walk in this constant fellowship walk with God will Mat 6:33 be a reality and will you relate to all as God desires you to relate to He and them.

God created you for Fellowship and the culmination of this Fellowship is when you spend eternity with him in heaven in His Kingdom.

And we have the admonition of The Bible:

Heb 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Which is a foretaste of things to come and in a sense preparation for heaven
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