

Connect: 40 Days of Growing Warmer and Stronger Together
August 27, 2023

An intentional 40-day season of spiritual and relational growth where we commit together to being available, energized, and equipped for the future.

2 Peter 3:18a, NLT – You must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Koinonia is...

Main Passage: Acts 2:38-47, NIV

Five Benefits I Only Get Through Fellowship

1. _____

Genesis 2:18, CEV – The Lord God said, “It isn’t good for the man to live alone. I need to make a suitable partner for him.”

*1 Corinthians 1:9 (ICB) says, “God is faithful. He is the One who has called you to share life (**koinonia**) with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

2. _____

Acts 2:38c, NIV – And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

John 14:16-17, ESV – [Jesus says,] “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

Ephesians 5:18b, ESV – “...be filled with the Holy Spirit.

*2 Corinthians 13:14, NIV – May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship (**koinonia**) of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

3. _____

Acts 2:44, NIV – All the believers were together and had everything in common.

Romans 12:5c, NLT – We all belong to each other.

Romans 1:5-6, NLT – Through Christ, God has given us the privilege and authority as apostles to tell Gentiles everywhere what God has done for them, so that they will believe and obey him, bringing glory to his name. And you are included among those Gentiles who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ.

4. _____

Symbols of Friendship in the Church:

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Acts 2:41, NIV – Those who accepted [Peter’s] message were baptized...about three thousand...”

Colossians 2:12, NLT – For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

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Acts 2:42,46b, NIV – They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship (koinonia), to the breaking of bread... They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts...

5. _____

Seven Types of Transformation:

- _____ : Acts 2:41
- _____ : Acts 2:42
- _____ : Acts 2:43
- _____ : Acts 2:45
- _____ : Acts 2:46b
- _____ : Acts 2:47b
- _____ : Acts 2:47c

Acts 2:39, NIV – The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.