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“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

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PLEA FOR UNITY

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One of the great pleas of the word of the Lord is the plea for unity:

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” (Ps. 133:1).

“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” (Amos 3:3).

“Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another” (Mk. 9:50).

“Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me” (Jn. 17:20-21).

“Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits” (Rom. 12:16).

“Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus”

(Rom. 15:5).

“Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another” (Rom. 14:19).

“That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 15:6).

“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment” (1 Cor. 1:10).

“Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you” (2 Cor. 13:11).

“Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all” (Eph. 4:4-6).

“Only let your conversation be as it becometh

the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel” (Phil. 1:27).

“Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind” (Phil. 2:2).

“Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing” (Phil. 3:16).

“I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord” (Phil. 4:2).

“That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love...” (Col. 2:2).

“....And be at peace among yourselves” (1 Th. 5:13).

“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord” (Heb. 12:14).

“Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous” (1 Pet. 3:8).

Let's each do our part to make this happen.

MUST I ATTEND THE CHURCH SERVICES?

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Some may ask this question. Many don't recognize the importance of assembling with the saints. You must attend:

TO BE FAITHFUL. There are a lot of Christians who aren't faithful! We are commanded to be faithful (1 Cor. 4:2; Rev. 2:10). That is reliable, trustworthy, faithful in the execution of commands. Can you be relied upon to execute the command of assembling (Heb. 10:25)?

NOT TO SIN. The one who forsakes the assembling commits willful sin (Heb. 10:25-26). *"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin"* (Jas. 4:17).

TO ENTER IN. *"Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city"* (Rev. 22:14). A commandment from the Lord is *"Not forsaking the assembling*

of ourselves together" (Heb. 10:25).

TO FULFILL ONE ANOTHER RESPONSIBILITIES.

We are responsible to love, prefer, admonish, greet, serve, forbear, teach and admonish, comfort, edify, exhort, consider, provoke one another and more! (Jn. 13:34; Rom. 12:10; 1 Cor. 16:20; Gal. 5:13; Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:16; 1 Th. 4:18; 5:11; Heb. 3:13; 10:24-25). It is impossible to forsake the assembling and fulfill all of these.

TO BE EDIFIED. A work of the church is edification (Eph. 4:11-16). Through the word, one is built up (Ac. 20:32). One reason some Christians are so weak is because of assembling forsaking.

TO BE FILLED. *"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled"* (Mt. 5:6). Evidently, some are not hungering and thirsting after the right things. Faithful Christians will attend to be filled!

TO SEEK FIRST THINGS FIRST. *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these*

things shall be added unto you" (Mt. 6:33). *"Seek those things which are above"* (Col. 3:1).

TO SET A GOOD

EXAMPLE. We need be good *"ensamples"* (1 Th. 1:7). *"Be thou an example"* (1 Tim. 4:12). Suppose every member attended as you do. Would every member be present at every service?

FOR THE CHURCH TO FULLY FUNCTION. When you read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, you appreciate that the body is made of many members and each member is needed! The church can only fulfill its work to the fullest when every member supplies his part (Eph. 4:16). Did you know by forsaking the assembling you are hindering the church?

TO MAKE BEST USE OF YOUR TIME. *"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil"* (Eph. 5:15-16).

There are many commands of God that cannot be kept, unless we assemble with the saints. Thus, we must attend faithfully!

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