

UNION FOURSQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH,404 N.Broad Street, Elizabeth, Nj
BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE FOR 9/28/2020
THEME: "CHURCH RELATIONSHIPS" Heb 10:24-25

Topic: Benefits of Church Relationships

Main Text: Act 2:40-47 ;

Introduction:

Practically, another name for church relationship is FAMILY relationship. The early church in Jerusalem was a perfect model of what Christ have in mind, when He voiced out "I will build my church.....and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. (Matt:16:18). Another perfect example of heavenly family relationship will be that of Trinity. Belonging to a local church is for the personal security of individual believers in addition to other benefits that accrue from the relationships that are built in the church. Remember, we are on the ROCK. Pro:27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend."

1. Commitment, Dynamic and Continuity Relationship.

The practice of christianity or family relationship is a present continuous living exercise. (Act 10:42,46 and 47)Those who gladly received the word stayed committed to Jesus/the family and continue to practice the WORD. James 1:22-25;Acts 17:10-15 and Josh1:8. No matter what, church must continue with the following characteristics of brotherly relationship.

a:-Fellowship - Heb 10:25 b:-Doctrinal beliefs 2Tim 3:16

c:Bible Study 2Tim 2:15 d;Prayer and Fasting Acts 13:2

e:Praising God always Psa:22:3 f:Water Baptism Matt 24:13; Act 2;38.

g:Breaking of Bread(holy Communion) 1Cor 11:24-25

2.Benefits of Church Membership.

-Relationship in the church promotes intimacy- Acts 2:44-45,

-membership accountability-2Thess. 3:7-9,

-wellfare for the needy- Acts 4:34-47 9:36-39; Rom.12:13 and

-other social supports- 1Tim.5;9-10 6:18; Gal.6:10

3.Commonality and Cooperation

- Unity vs.44-46. There is beauty and pleasantness in unity(PSA.133:1-3).Every believer –One Body retains his or her but becomes baptized into one body(The Church) - 1Cor.12:13;Eph.4:4.

-Believers should be lowly in mind instead of strife and vainglory(Phil.2:3). The body of Christ is "anti-apartheid agent" where is neither racism nor ethnicities- Rom.2:10; 1Cor.12:13; Col.3:11.

-Caring and Sharing- Acts 2:46, 4:34-37,9:36.This is a great challenge for today's church. The church has to teach and encourage individual believers the act of giving and caring for one another.

4.Commission of the Church

-Evangelism vs.43,47, Acts 13:1-3, 15:22- Evangelism,which is becoming unpopular in today's church, was what drove growth in the early church-Matt.28:18-20,9:38; Luke 10:2;Acts.20:19-20

5.Signs and Wonders

v.43. In the early Church, God showed up with proof of his power to unbelievers. It is a tool that will help men to submit or respect God- Deut.2:25;Mark 16: 17-18; Heb.12:28-29

"Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"Gen :4:9

PRAYER.