

The Message Notes

Series: Church Community

Message: *The Assembly of the Church*

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Hebrews 10:24. And let us consider one another in order to **stir up love** and **good works**, **25. Not** forsaking the **assembling** of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but **exhorting** one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. (NKJV)

Objective: To understand the **means** and the **purpose** of the church **assembly**, so we can appreciate our coming together as God's people for fellowship and corporate worship.

“How we **see things** is **how we do things**.”

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Three commands given to us:

1. **Consider** others, how to **stir up love** (generosity) and **good works** (all things that glorify God)
2. **Not forsaking** the **assembling** of ourselves like others
3. **Exhorting** one another (encourage – warning and urging)

Christ calls the **Assembly:** Matthew 16:16-18

“It's **impossible** to be called by Christ to follow Him and not be part of His **assembly**.”

Church: ekklesia–kurios-kuriakos-kirk

- Ekklesia – “called out people from others”
- Kurios – “belonging to the Lord”
- Kuriakos – “to bend in reverence”
- Kirk – “a place, location, or building”

Assembly: A **called-out** people **belonging** to the **Lord**, who meet to **bend** in **reverence** to God by their spiritual experience. (I Corinthians 16:19)

Assembly of the church is the **continuation** of the assembly of Israel:

Acts 7:38. Moses was with our ancestors, the **assembly** of God's people in the wilderness, when the angel spoke to him at Mount Sinai. And there Moses received life-giving words to pass on to us.

References: Exodus 19:4, Deuteronomy 31:12, I Peter 2:9-10

Knowledge of the assembly:

Assembly is loved by Christ: Ephesians 5:25. For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ **loved the church**. He gave up his life for her. (NLT)

Assembly is led by Christ: Colossians 1:18a. Christ is also the **head** of the church, which is His **body**. (NLT)

Assembly is the dwelling place for the Spirit of Christ:

Ephesians 2:22. Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of his dwelling where God lives by His Spirit. (NLT)

Assembly is made up of diversity in Christ:

The **assembly** of the church is made up of **former sinners, called out** by God from **all** nations, genders, and social statuses to **follow** Christ.

Galatians 3:28. In Christ's family there can be **no division**, no Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male, and female. Among us you are **all equal**. That is, we are all in a **common** relationship with Jesus Christ. (MSG)

Assembly grows by the will of Christ:

Acts 2:47b. And each day the **Lord added** to their fellowship those who were being saved. (NLT)

Benefits of the assembly:

Acts 20:28. So guard yourselves and God's people. Feed and shepherd God's flock-his church, purchased with his own blood-over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as elders. (NLT)

- Guarded – overseer
- Feed – teaching
- Shepherd – guiding

Other Benefits:

- Agreement – Matthew 18:19-20
- Prayer – James 5:14-15
- Support – James 5:16

Takeaway: We can conclude the church is the assembly of God's **called out** people who come together to replicate the worship and fellowship in heaven on earth.