

Expectations of the Assembly

What should happen during a Christian assembly?

Why?

Expectation 1

- ▣ 1 Corinthians 14:26 "Let all things be done for edification"
- ▣ Romans 14:19 "Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which we edify one another"

- ▣ **Edification: To build up faith through education**

Expectation 2

- ▣ 1 Corinthians 11:33 "Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another."
- ▣ Context: 1 Corinthians 10:14 - 11:34
- ▣ Lord's Supper Symbolism:
 - **Sacrificial meal: Celebrating forgiveness with family and friends in the presence of God.**
 - **Fellowship: Re-connecting our spirits**
 - **Miraculous Unity: John 17:20 - 21**

Expectation 3

- ▣ Colossians 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."
- ▣ Romans 15:14 "Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another."
- ▣ Ephesians 5:18 - 19 "...Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."

Expectation 4

- ▣ Hebrews 10:24 - 25 "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 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."
- ▣ Hebrews 3:13 "But exhort one another daily while it is still called 'Today,' lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

Expectation 4 Opposite

- ▣ James 4:11 "Do not speak evil of one another."
- ▣ James 5:9 "Do not grumble against one another."

- ▣ A Christian solves problems by building up the faith of the other person.

Expectation 5

- ▣ 1 Thessalonians 4:18 "Therefore comfort one another with these words."
- ▣ 1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Therefore comfort one another and edify one another, just as you also are doing."

Expectation 6

Galatians 6:1 – 2 "Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Expectation 7

James 5:16 "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

Expectation 8

1 Peter 5:5 "All of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility."

Missing Expectation

- ▣ John 4:23 – 24 "The hour is coming and now is when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."
- ▣ Ephesians 2:6 "...and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."
- ▣ "Truth" as used by John: "Reality from the viewpoint of a spirit."
- ▣ Our re-connected spirits worship God 24/7 now.

Motives for Assembling

- ▣ 1 John 3:11, 3:23, 4:7, 4:11, 4:12, 2 John 5 "Love one another."
- ▣ Acts 2:44 – 47 "Now all who believed were together and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods and divided them among all, as any had need. So, continuing daily with one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people."
- ▣ Acts 4:32 "Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul..."

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Edifying One Another

- ☐ Celebrating our forgiveness
- ☐ Re-vitalizing spirit connections
- ☐ Re-affirming unity
- ☐ Admonishing
- ☐ Exhorting to love and good deeds
- ☐ Comforting
- ☐ Bearing burdens
- ☐ Confessing sins
- ☐ Praying for one another
- ☐ Submitting to one another
- ☐ Teaching