



Koinonia is a Greek word that occurs 20 times in the Bible. Koinonia's primary meaning is "fellowship, sharing in common, communion." The first occurrence of koinonia is Acts 2:42 **"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."** Christian fellowship is a key aspect of the Christian life. Believers in Christ are to come together in love, faith, and encouragement. That is the essence of koinonia.

A lot of people say, "Well, I'm going to go to church," as if church is a place you go to. That's not correct. Church is not a place you go to. Church is a family you belong to. We are the church together – we just happen to meet in this sanctuary. If this building had to collapse because of a roof issue, this building would cease to exist, but the church will still be here.

The Christian life is not just a matter of believing. It is matter of belonging, and you and I must choose to belong. Fellowship begins with belonging, with making that choice. Some people say, "Well, I'm a Christian, but I don't want to belong to any church." That just doesn't make sense. **The church is where you live out what it means to be a Christian.**

Do you know why most people are lonely? They don't make time for friendships. They are too busy achieving; they are too busy working; they are too busy doing other things. They are not willing to put the time into it. You have to meet together. You have to get together. And until you start saying this is going to be a priority in my life, you're not going to develop any deep friends. They don't just happen. They happen because you chose to make the time for them. It is not luck. It is a choice. Koinonia is for not only you and me but for this community.

Love In Christ,