

*Life-Giving Churches Series #4*

*Life-Giving Churches are  
Devoted to 'KOINONIA'*

*Acts 2:42; John 13:1-17*

**Sunday, January 27, 2008**

*Treasuring Christ... Loving People...*

# *Life-Giving Churches are devoted to-*

*Acts 2:42*

1. *'Breaking of bread'*

*Remember Jesus!*

2. *'Apostles teaching'*

*Rejoice in Jesus!*

3. *'Prayer'*

*Rely on Jesus!*

4. *'Fellowship'=KOINONIA*

*\*My Goal...*

*\*What is at Stake?*

*Heb. 3:12-13*

*\*Answer Three Questions...*

# 1. What is 'KOINONIA'?

DEFINED... to share & give, to be united,  
to be partners, to be connected,  
to be committed together,  
to have in common..

*Heb. 2:14* '...Jesus Himself partook of the same...'

*2 Cor. 6:14* '...what fellowship has light-darkness...'

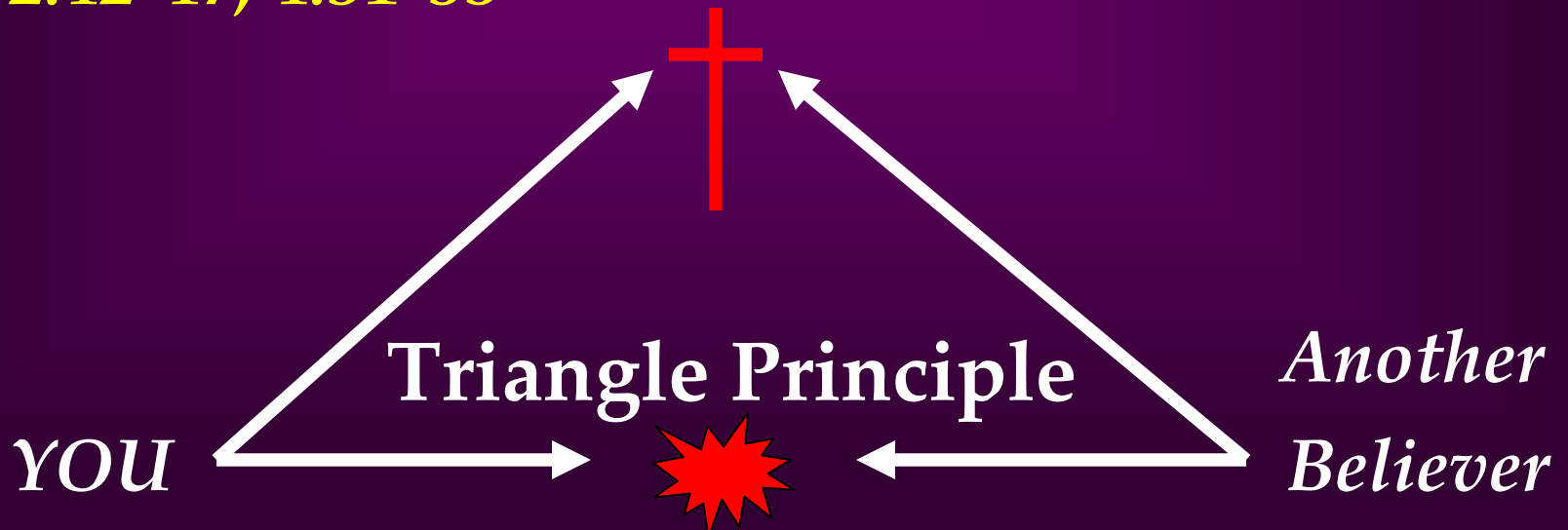
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# 1. What is 'KOINONIA'?

DESCRIBED... Christ-followers in...  
Christ-treasuring,  
Christ-dependent  
Community.

*1 John 5:11-13, 1:1-7; 4:7-12; 4:19-5:1*

*Acts 2:42-47; 4:31-35*



## 2. Why is 'KOINONIA' important?

A. Your (& family) spiritual life depends on it.  
*Koinonia is the 'soil' for healthy, spiritual growth.*

*1 Jn. 1:7-10*

### 'One-another's'

\*Love... *Jn.13:34*

\*Honor... *Rom.12:10*

\*Don't judge... *Rom.14:13*

\*Admonish... *Rom.15:14*

\*Kind, Forgive... *Eph.4:32*

\*Be at peace... *Mk.9:50*

\*Harmony... *Rom.12:16*

\*Accept... *Rom.15:7*

\*Greet... *Rom.16:16*

\*Bear... *Eph. 4:2*

## *2. Why is 'KOINONIA' important?*

**B. Berean's ability to accomplish God's mission depends on it.**

### **Inviting people to come to Jesus Christ**

*Our Community's being blessed by Jesus Christ.*

*Acts 2:46-47; John 13:34-35*

### **Equipping people to walk with Christ/serve**

*Being healed & empowered to make disciples...*

*Ephesians 4:1-6:20*

# *3. How can we develop KOINONIA'?*

## **A. 'Walk Across The Room.'**

*Matt. 28:18-20 '...Go...'*

### *Examples:*

- |                          |                                       |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <i>*MOPS</i>             | <i>Invite a MOPS mom to come</i>      |
| <i>*Men's Fraternity</i> | <i>Invite a co-worker to come</i>     |
| <i>*Harvey's</i>         | <i>Invite a single friend to come</i> |
| <i>*Youth Groups</i>     | <i>Invite a student to come</i>       |
| <i>*AWANA</i>            | <i>Invite a child to come</i>         |

**Sunday mornings: Be friendly to new people!**

### *3. How can we develop KOINONIA'?*

**B. Extend 'friendship' not just 'friendliness.'**

*Matt. 28:18-20 '...baptize... and teach...'*

*Example:*

*In ministries, seek to build NEW friendships!*

**Sunday mornings: Be friendly to all AND  
keep building new friendships (3-5/year)**

### *3. How can we develop KOINONIA'?*

C. Wash each other's feet.

*John 13:1-17*

Koinonia requires...

- 1) LOVE (13:1)
- 2) Being God-centered (13:2-3)
- 3) Humility (13:4-5)

*All of these can be expressed in multiple ways (thank you cards, hugs, words of encouragement, confessing your sin, serving & helping others...).*

*But another way is washing someone's feet.*

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#### Foot washing is NOT-

- \*Required but optional (like other things we do)
- \*To be 'weird' but an expression of LOVE
- \*Magical but an act the Spirit can work through
- \*Washing but more like anointing
- \*Often & Long but occasional (Maundy Th.)

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**C. Wash each other's feet.** *John 13:1-17*

1. Ask if you can wash the feet of someone you want to honor and serve. *(Vs. 15)* *Respect*
2. Ask if you can wash the feet of someone you have sinned against and want to get things right by confessing your sin. *(Vs. 9)* *Restore*
3. Ask someone if they would wash your feet as Jesus' 'representative'. *(Vs. 9)* *Repent*

*If the Lord doesn't want you to do this...that is OK!*

# February: Building A Happy Marriage

**Feb. 3**      **Courtship OR Dating**  
*How to enter into marriage?*

**Feb. 10**     **Sexual Intimacy in Marriage**  
*How to avoid prudishness & perversion?*

**Feb. 17**     **Reconciling when Broken**  
*How to restore brokenness (& avoid it)?*

**Feb. 24**     **Developing Intimacy**  
*How to date your spouse (grow in love)?*