

Rebuilding Our Fellowship

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Acts 2:42 (English Standard Version)

" _____ happiness lies in _____ in religion."

Fellowship And God's Returning Exiles

A. A priority on rebuilding the temple:

1. Ezra 6:14 - The temple was rebuilt by _____'s decree. It would be where _____ regularly occurred.
2. Ezra 6:22 - They kept the feast with _____, for the Lord had made them _____. It was a _____ event.

B. Nehemiah 8 - Other occasions of joyful fellowship:

1. 8:9-12 - The people began _____, but they were told to _____, drink, and _____ with others. The _____ of the Lord would be their _____.
2. 8:17,18 - There was _____ great _____ as the people celebrated the Feast of _____.

The Need To Rebuild / Reinforce Christian Fellowship

A. A devotion to fellowship:

1. Acts 2:42 - The earliest _____ were _____ to fellowship (among other things).
2. Keener: "Table fellowship denoted _____ and _____."
3. Matthew 16:18 - Jesus announced His plan to _____ His _____. Louw & Nida: *ekklesia* implies _____ membership.
4. 1 John 1:3,4 - We proclaim these things to you so you may have _____ with us, that your _____ may be full.
5. Hebrews 10:35,36 - They had need of _____ so they might receive what is _____.
6. Hebrews 10:24,25 - Meeting _____ is an opportunity to _____ up one another to _____ and good _____.
7. 1 Peter 2:17 - We are to _____ the brotherhood.

B. Luke 15:28 - The _____ brother _____ to go in to the _____. The father came out to _____ him.

Luke 15:20 - The prodigal's father didn't give his son an _____; he _____ him and _____ him!

Central Church of Christ, Johnson City, Tennessee, June 6, 2021, a.m.