

Together

“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.” 1 Peter 4:8, English Standard Version

Will this church be an _____ one only, or will we _____ all?

The Togetherness Of The New Testament Church

- A. The book of Acts shows this feature from the very beginning:
1. Acts 1:14 – They were with one _____, _____ with the women, _____, and Jesus’ _____.
 2. Acts 2:42-47 – “Togetherness” was a _____ of the earliest Christians. They had _____ with all because of it.
- B. The circle of togetherness widens:
1. Acts 10:28 – Peter went in to be with _____ because God _____ him not to call anyone _____.
 2. Acts 11:2,3 – Some Christians of a _____ background criticized Peter for spending time with _____.
 3. Galatians 2:11-14a - _____ and _____ still struggled with this concept. They were not in _____ with the _____ of the _____.
- C. 1 Corinthians 6:11 – Was it easy for Christians to welcome those who had been _____ from deeply _____ backgrounds?

Our Calling To Widen Our Togetherness Circles

- A. The vision and work of Jesus Christ:
1. John 17:20,21 – Jesus _____ for His followers to be _____.
 2. Ephesians 2:14 – Christ _____ down the wall of _____ that _____ Jews and Gentiles.
- B. How Christians will widen their togetherness circles:
1. Acts 17:26 – We must realize that God made from _____ every _____ that dwells on earth.
 2. John 13:34,35 – We’ll take seriously Jesus’ _____ that we are to _____ one another.
 3. 1 Peter 4:8-10 – Christians must work at becoming a “_____” people. This is Christ’s will!
- C. What are some practical applications for us at Central?

As Christians, our _____ must fade into _____.

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