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The Oneness of Koinonia

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Ephesians 4:1-7 ¹As a prisoner in the Lord, then, I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling you have received: ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³and with diligence to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷Now to each one of us grace has been given according to the measure of the gift of Christ. (BSB)

Even though this passage does not use the word “Koinonia”, it is one of the best passages for describing what our Koinonia should look like.

I. Here are the details of this passage.

A. We all have a **calling**. V. 1

1. We have a **general** calling to be a part of the universal body of Christ. V. 4

2. We all have a calling to be a part of a **local** church.

Hebrews 10:25 Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have made a habit, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (BSB)

3. We all have a **role** to play in the church.

Ephesians 4:7 Now to each one of us grace has been given according to the measure of the gift of Christ. (BSB)

B. We are to have our **actions** show that we are worthy of such a calling. V. 1

1. **Love** has got to guide our actions. V. 2

2. We are to be diligent in **connecting** our calling to our actions. V. 3

C. We are to embrace **historic** Christianity. V. 4-6

1. There is only one **true** belief system in the world. V. 4

2. The Holy Spirit is the third **person** in the Trinity. V. 4

3. Our **hope** is in the second coming of Jesus Christ. V. 4

4. We have only **one** Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. V. 5

5. We have our **unity** in the baptism of the Holy Spirit. V. 5

6. We worship **Jehovah/Yahweh** as the only true God. V. 6

II. How does all of this play in our Koinonia?

A. We need to be able to **share** about our calling to others.

B. We must seek to have our walk **match** our profession. Beware of the Great Disconnect.

C. We must be able to speak of our **beliefs** to others.

D. We must participate in **spiritual** fellowship/Koinonia with others.