

Koinonia and the Church

1 Peter 1:22-2:10

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- Koinonia is the love between the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. Koinonia in the church is the love of God the Father working in His church through Jesus Christ.

Key Concepts

1. The Church is the family of God, of which God is the Father (1:23).
2. The Church is the house of God (or Temple) in which God makes his dwelling (2:5).
3. It is made up of individuals who were born into the family of God and are spiritually alive (1:23; 2:5)!
4. Believers in Christ share this life together and by so doing God dwells with them and they commune with God (2:5).
5. As believers share life together and God dwells among them his light and excellence is displayed in His church against the backdrop of this dark world (2:9).

The Church as Family

- Peter says that we have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable! We are also said to be called a spiritual house.

The Church as dwelling place

- Peter says that we are being built into a Spiritual house-or a dwelling place for the living God!

Jesus the cornerstone

- Jesus is the cornerstone and we are being built into him together! God will be pleased to dwell among us as we become more like Jesus, the cornerstone. As we, the living stones, grow up into maturity we will be more closely connected to one another and Jesus Christ and experience koinonia in the Church!

Love one another

- God is pleased to dwell among his people when they love one another. This is why they are commanded to do so! However, the love that God is pleased to draw near to is love that is shaped by the Word of truth!

- The church is the dwelling place of God (spiritual house) and thus we experience God through our Christian relationships with one another. Fellowship is the interaction that we have with believers that serves as portals into enjoying communion with God. Our communion with God will be affected by our connection to other believers. If you are disconnected from other believers your connection to God will suffer.

God has revealed himself to the church so that they can proclaim his excellencies and shine the light of His glory against the backdrop of a dark world.