*February 5, 2023*

**Gathering**

**6 Habits That Will Change Your Life: Part 5**

**Hebrews 10**

* This is God’s Word.
* It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction.
* It has God for its author,
* salvation for its end,
* and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.
* It is the supreme source of truth
* for what we believe
* and how we live.

**Let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ’s blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.**

**Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.**

 **Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.**

**And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.**

**Dear friends, if we deliberately continue sinning after we have received knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice that will cover these sins. There is only the terrible expectation of God’s judgment and the raging fire that will consume his enemies. For anyone who refused to obey the law of Moses was put to death without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Just think how much worse the punishment will be for those who have trampled on the Son of God, and have treated the blood of the covenant, which made us holy, as if it were common and unholy, and have insulted and disdained the Holy Spirit who brings God’s mercy to us. Hebrews 10:23-29**

**The Christian faith is to be lived out together!**

**“Let us”**

**Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing… Hebrews 10:25 (TEV)**

**God expects every Christian to regularly attend church!**

**…You are members of God’s very own family…and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian. Ephesians 2:19 (TLB)**

**“The Christian who is not committed to a group of other believers for praying, sharing, and serving is not an obedient Christian. He is not in the will of God. However vocal he may be in his theology, he is not obeying the Lord.” –Dr. Ray Ortland**

**They worshiped together regularly at the Temple each day, met in small groups in homes for Communion, and shared their meals with great joy and thankfulness, Acts 2:46 (TLB)**

**And every day in the Temple and in people's homes they continued to teach and preach the Good News about Jesus the Messiah. Acts 5:42 (TEV)**

**Two gatherings every New Testament believer was committed to.**

* **Large Group Gatherings at the Temple**
* **Small Group Gatherings in Homes**

**Why Do We Gather?**

* **To Worship**

**Let us praise the Lord together and exalt his name. Psalm 34:3 (TLB)**

* **To Learn**

**They joined with the other believers in regular attendance at the apostles’ teaching sessions… Acts 2:42 (TLB)**

**They spent their time in learning from the apostles… Acts 2:42 (TEV)**

* **To Care**

**…all the members care for each other. 1 Corinthians 12:25**

**There are over 50 “One Another”**

**Passages in the Bible!**

* **To Witness to the World**

**Bottom Line:**

**Every Christian should want to actively and regularly attend church.**

**I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.” Psalm 122:1**

**The one thing I ask of the LORD— the thing I seek most— is to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, delighting in the LORD’s perfections and meditating in his Temple. Psalm 27:4**