



Part 5: God's Presence for Hased Community

Galatians 5:16-26

Last Week: "How does God's character get reproduced in us?"

I. Cultivating a Spiritual Greenhouse

1. Teaching
2. Practices
3. Community

Galatians 5:16–17

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Galatians 5:22-26

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another." (ESV)

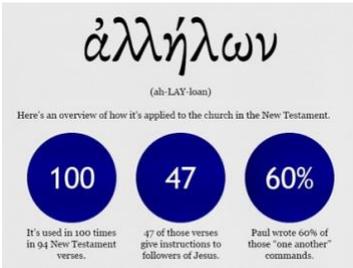
II. God's Presence for Hased Community

"Community" is an umbrella under which we can talk about all aspects of Christianity.

- God exists in "community" → Three in One
- Greatest Two Commandments: Love God and Love Others (Matthew 22:36-40)
 - Lived out in relationship
 - 1 Corinthians 13:13 "So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (ESV)
 - Love is the currency of biblical community
- κοινωνία / koy-nohn-ee'-ah / *koinonia* → Fellowship or Community

- ἀλλήλων / ah-LAY-loan / allélon

→ One Another



Source: <https://overviewbible.com/one-another-infographic/>

"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."
Ephesians 4:1–3 (ESV)

III. Singular "You" vs Plural "You"



Source: <https://imgur.com/gallery/OglDM>)

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Corinthians 3:16–17

“Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.” 1 (ESV)

If I am not a Greek scholar, how do I know if “you” is singular or plural?

1. Footnotes
2. Context!

Recommended Reading:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/plural-you-biblical/>
<https://www.billmounce.com/monday-with-mounce/who-god's-temple-1-cor-3-16-17>

IV. 1st Century Church and 21st Century Church

Acts 2:42–45

And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.” (ESV)

John 14:16–18

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ‘I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.’” (ESV)

Hesed: Steadfast

- Occurs 246 times in Old Testament. The vast majority are describing God’s relationship to His people!

Exodus 34:6–7 God describes himself as “abounding in steadfast love...”

“The LORD passed before [Moses] and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in **steadfast love** and faithfulness, keeping **steadfast love** for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin... “

Will Kynes, writing for the CS Lewis Institute says this about *hesed* love:

“As divine hesed on the vertical plane intersects with the human horizontal plane, it transforms it. Our lives are infused with the hesed we experience from God, creating new relationships with those around us as his goodness pours through us. http://www.cslewisinstitute.org/webfm_send/430

Experience God’s Presence for *hesed koinonia* today.