

# The Community of Love

Acts 2:42-47

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Christ's community of love involves:

## I. Devotion , vs. 42-43

### a. To God's Word

Oh how I love your law!  
It is my meditation all the day.  
Your commandment makes me  
wiser than my enemies,  
for it is ever with me. Psalm 119:97-98

### b. To Worship

### c. To Fellowship

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:10

### d. To Prayer

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

James 5:16

## II. Togetherness, vs. 44,46

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.

Acts 4:32

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25

## III. Tangible support, vs. 44-45

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup> and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. Acts 4:34

*IV.*    Joyous generosity, v 46

*V.*    Positive response, v. 47

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34-35

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. Acts 6:7