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“The Word in the World” Devotional Sharing

Union with one another in Christ (Hebrews 10:19–25)

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The term translated as ‘church’ in the New Testament (Greek: ‘ἐκκλησία’; English: ‘church’ or ‘congregation’) means ‘a group of people called out’. Jesus was the first to use the term ‘church’ (Matthew 16:18), and it was subsequently used widely by the Lord’s disciples throughout the New Testament. ‘Church’ does not refer to a building marked with a cross (‘church building’), but rather to a community of God’s people whom He has called out from a corrupt world. God’s will is not to save individuals and leave them isolated from one another, but to establish the ‘church’, uniting them as one body as His people, and binding them together as members of one another.

It is easy to be a Christian on the Lord’s Day, but daily obedience is no simple matter. We are likely to become discouraged when faced with various difficulties; indeed, some may even have considered abandoning the Christian faith. The passage in Hebrews 10:19~25 calls upon Christians to remain steadfast in their faith and to devote themselves wholeheartedly to a supportive community of believers.

The Three Duties of Faith, Hope and Love

The author of Hebrews exhorts Christians to practise three duties of faith, hope and love in their spiritual lives.

(1) The duty of ‘faith’: ‘Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, ...’ (verse 22)

We ought to ‘draw near’ to God because Jesus, the ‘great priest’ (verses 19, 21), ‘by the new and living way that he opened for us’, enable us to ‘have confidence to enter the holy places’ (verses 19~20). We do not ‘draw near’ to God with doubt and anxiety, but with ‘full assurance of faith.’

(2) The duty of ‘hope’: ‘Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, ...’ (verse 23)

Even after coming to faith in the Lord, we still require God’s ongoing redemption (becoming more like Christ). The Christian’s goal is not merely the present salvation of the soul, but also the hope of receiving complete salvation—the ‘redemption of our bodies’ in the new heavens and the new earth (Romans 8:23). The author sets out the reason we hope for it will be realized: ‘for he who promised is faithful’ (verse 23b); God remains faithful!

(3) The Duty of ‘Love’: ‘And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, ...’ (verses 24–25a)

How should we put ‘considering... one another’ into practice?

Firstly, the author suggests a way to ‘stir up one another to love’: ‘let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.’ The term ‘to meet together’ in the text refers broadly to all forms of church meetings. When Christians face difficulties or trials on their journey of faith, if they ‘neglect to meet together’,

they will feel lonely and weak and may easily abandon their faith. Conversely, attending meetings brings invaluable benefits: it enables us to live out our faith through mutual care, encouragement, and genuine love amongst the body of Christ.

To “stir up one another to love”, Christians need to take two actions:

- (i) ‘not neglecting to meet together’ (25a): ‘neglecting to meet together’ is the beginning of a Christian’s spiritual depression. Before a Christian stumbles, they often first become estranged from the church; what begins as an occasional ‘neglect to meet together’ soon becomes ‘the habit’ (verse 25a) and may lead to apostasy and sin (verses 26~31).
- (ii) ‘encouraging one another’ (verse 25b): This refers to ‘encouraging one another’ with God’s Word in meetings. Those who had ‘the habit’ of ‘neglecting to meet together’ were deprived of the encouragement of fellow believers, become spiritually isolated and consequently fall into sin easily.

In order to ‘hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, ...’ (verse 23a), Christians need to support one another and avoid becoming ‘lone wolf’ Christians, that is, Christians who choose to hold fast to their faith in isolation, detached from the church community and fellowship life (not attending worship services or small group meetings). Since isolation and going it alone often carry the risk of spiritual dryness, we ought to devote ourselves fully to the Christian community and faithfully participate in church meetings.

Christian Fellowship

The term ‘fellowship’ (Greek: ‘κοινωνία’) signifies communion, sharing, building relationships, and participating together. In the Christian faith, ‘fellowship’ refers to the spiritual bond through which Christians are united with one another and with Jesus Christ.

Some people think that church life consists merely of listening to sermons, singing a few hymns, and then going out to ‘preach the Gospel’ and ‘conduct ministries’, but this is not the case. Some believe that salvation is a personal matter, but it is by no means a personal matter. We must recognize that after God saves us, He places us in the fellowship of Christians. True fellowship possesses the power to transform lives. When we all remove our masks and open our hearts, this fosters a sharing of life and mutual care, and our relationships become like those of family.

In the ‘Lord’s Prayer’, which the Lord Jesus taught His disciples, the prayer uses plural pronouns rather than singular ones. It begins by addressing ‘Our Father in heaven’, but not ‘My Father in heaven’. This reminds us that every Christian is a member of God’s household.

Concluding Remarks

Brothers and sisters, as we walk the heavenly path, we will grow weary, we will be weak, and we will face disappointment; yet God has prepared for us a precious spiritual community, enabling us to practise together, in a tangible way, the three duties of faith, hope and love:

- The duty of ‘faith’ (verse 22)
- The duty of ‘hope’ (verse 23)
- The duty of ‘love’ (verses 24~25)

May we, brothers and sisters, all be united in Christ, journeying together along the heavenly path until the day until the day the Lord returns. Amen.



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Church Family News Sharing

1. The Circuit will hold a Welcoming Service for Deacon Melissa Wheeler in the Main Hall at 11am on 13th September. We warmly invite everyone to reserve the date and join us as we give thanks for her arrival and celebrate the beginning of this new chapter in her ministry.
2. Next year's Spring Conference (29th March to 1st April 2027) will be organized by our church, with Professor Joseph Sung as the speaker. As there are many tasks and arrangements involved, we greatly need brothers and sisters to serve together in unity. If you feel led to help with the preparations, please contact Church Administrator.
3. We are delighted to share that our Church Summer Fair raised an incredible £4,744.87 (after expenses). A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed, volunteered, donated, promoted, participated, and supported the event in so many different ways. Your generosity, time, and enthusiasm made this wonderful achievement possible. While the funds raised will make a valuable contribution towards our church redevelopment, the greatest blessing goes far beyond the financial outcome. Through the Summer Fair, we were able to come together as one church family, deepen our fellowship, be transformed in Christ, and warmly welcome members of our wider community. It was a wonderful opportunity to share God's love and spread the Gospel through our hospitality, service, and witness.
4. Staff News: Rev. Linberg has been invited to preach today (9th August) at Medway Chinese Methodist Church; Church Administrator will be on annual leave from 10th – 12th, 21st & 24th August.
5. Euromission Ministry will be holding a Worship Revival Gathering on Saturday 19th September, in Ilford, London, from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is £10. Everyone is warmly invited to attend and broaden their vision for mission work across Europe. The ministry is also recruiting worship team members to serve at the event and welcomes believers of all nationalities and ethnic backgrounds to participate. For more information, please refer to the "Meetings and Events" section on the last few pages or contact Church Administrator. For registration, please click: [David Hathaway | Release Now Conference | 19 September 2026 | Ilford — Eurovision](#)

6. **LiFEgame will be held from 21st to 23rd December in Northampton. Those who register on or before 31st October can enjoy the Super Early Bird rate of £160 per person. If you have not attended before, you are strongly encouraged to join this life-changing journey. For enquiries or registration, please refer to the “Meetings and Events” section on the last few pages or visit: <http://lifegame.co.uk/join-lifegame/>**

Meetings & Events

West London Mission Circuit Welcome Service for the Deacon Melissa Wheeler

Date: Sunday 13th September

Time: 11am

Venue:

Main Hall, King's Cross Methodist Church



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