



## PRIVILEGES OF BEING WITHIN AN AUTHENTIC HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH

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**"...And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my ekklesia (translated as church)..."**

**Matthew 16:18**

**"They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together (koinonia), the common meal, and the prayers"**

**Acts 2:42**

Two words in scripture describe believers or the Body of Christ (church); ecclesia and koinonia.

- **Ecclesia** (Gr.) – (to call out to) a public assembly, gathering, congregation, a group of citizens called together, therefore refers to **church structure, order, governmental**.

**"That's plain enough, isn't it? You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all – irrespective of how we got here – in what he is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he's using you, fitting you in brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day – a holy temple build by God, all of us build into it, a temple in which God is quite at home".**

**Ephesians 2:19-22 (The Message)**

Every brick must be built into the right place - ministry according to the Vision of the House.

- **Koinonia** (Gr.) – speaks of the **special bonding of the saints in relationship**, communion, joint participation, a gift jointly contributed.

Part of the pastoral (shepherd) grace is to establish that dimension of Christ that is the “cement or glue” (koinonia) that keeps everything together.

**Koinonia identifies the idealized state of fellowship and unity that should exist within the Christian church, the Body of Christ.**

**Rick Joyner**

The vertical line of the cross represents God's order, structure, government, kingship, and fatherhood, the ecclesia.

The horizontal line of the cross represents relationships, second man company (Jehoiada), special bonding, covenant, pastoral grace, *koinonia*.

In the Soteria Household the foundation (vertical line) - the *ecclesia*, the church order is established.

Now, establish the horizontal line of the cross through special bonding and relationships (*koinonia*) in this household.

## **PRIVILIGES WITHIN A HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH**

*Definition of relationship within a Household:* A safe place where people come together, where Christ is the centre and everyone is flowing in their gifts towards one another and Christ is worshipped because of this.

### **1. AUTHENTIC, ORIGINAL INTENT**

Your authentic, original intent (purpose) is revealed when you are in relationship with others.

### **2. SECOND MAN COMPANY**

You become Second Man Company, or a Jehoiada, with the marvellous privilege of covenant.

### **3. POWER OF A TEAM**

The power of a team increases our strength through the power of working together. Get involved in ministry in the House e.g. JEHU.

### **4. REVELATION TO SERVE**

To the measure the door of giving is opened, the same measure is the possibility to receive. Your ability to receive is correlated to your ability to give.

### **5. RELATIONSHIP**

Relationships are *koinonia* and through relationships you will receive *koinonia*. Both of these elements, *koinonia* and *ecclesia*, should be present to become the church we are called to be and to experience fellowship as God intended.

**We can have the best people in the best settings with the best plan and the best intentions with the best effort and not achieve koinonia. If Christ Jesus is present koinonia can happen, He is the cement that bonds us together. As we see in Psalm 133, it is when we pour oil upon the Head and it runs down covering the rest of the body that unity happens.**

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For true church life and a demonstration of true Christianity to be established on earth *koinonia* is essential.

**“If we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship (Greek word *koinonia*) with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”**

**I John 1:7**

We cannot be properly joined to the Head without also being properly joined to His body. If we are properly joined to the Head, we will be experiencing *koinonia* as well. In order to mature in Christ we need the frustrations, irritations, hurts and disappointments of church life.

## **6. TRAINED TO ACHIEVE (OVERCOME)**

You will be trained to achieve (overcome) and not to quit. *Koinonia* is one of the most wonderful things but at the same time the most difficult. As the parable of the Sower states that many will depart when testing comes. You can never pass a test by quitting. The breakdown of marriage is related to the breakdown in church life and vice versa. The cross is a vertical post that represents our connection to God and a horizontal one that represents our connection to one another. One thing that taking up our cross means is that we must have both of these in our lives.

## **7. TAUGHT TO PURSUE GOD**

A real household of faith will teach you how to pursue God and then pursue relationships. Then a thing will lead to a thing, never despise small beginnings. Small thing is most probably where you will start.

## **8. GOD IN OUR MIDST**

Matthew 18:20 says that wherever two or more are gathered in His name He will be in their midst. The word “gathered” does not mean merely occupying the same room or space but where they have been “assembled together”.

## **9. RECEIVE A TREASURE**

*Koinonia* is one of the greatest treasures in life. It is not cheap or easy to find, but it will be found by those who value it enough not to give up on its pursuit.

***In every spiritual pursuit, we must keep in mind this principle: Between the place where we receive the promise of God and the promised land, or the fulfilment of the promise, there is almost always a wilderness that is the exact opposite of what we have been promised. This wilderness is meant to prepare us for the promised land. Do not be shaken when you start to pursue koinonia and the opposite seems to happen with relationship challenges breaking out everywhere. This is just a sign that you are indeed on the path.***

**Rick Joyner**

When Jehoiada and the Second Man Company operate together in the Body of Christ, working in ministries God intended, provision and multiplication will be there. Let's find our places together in the Body. Let's work together from this Household of Faith.