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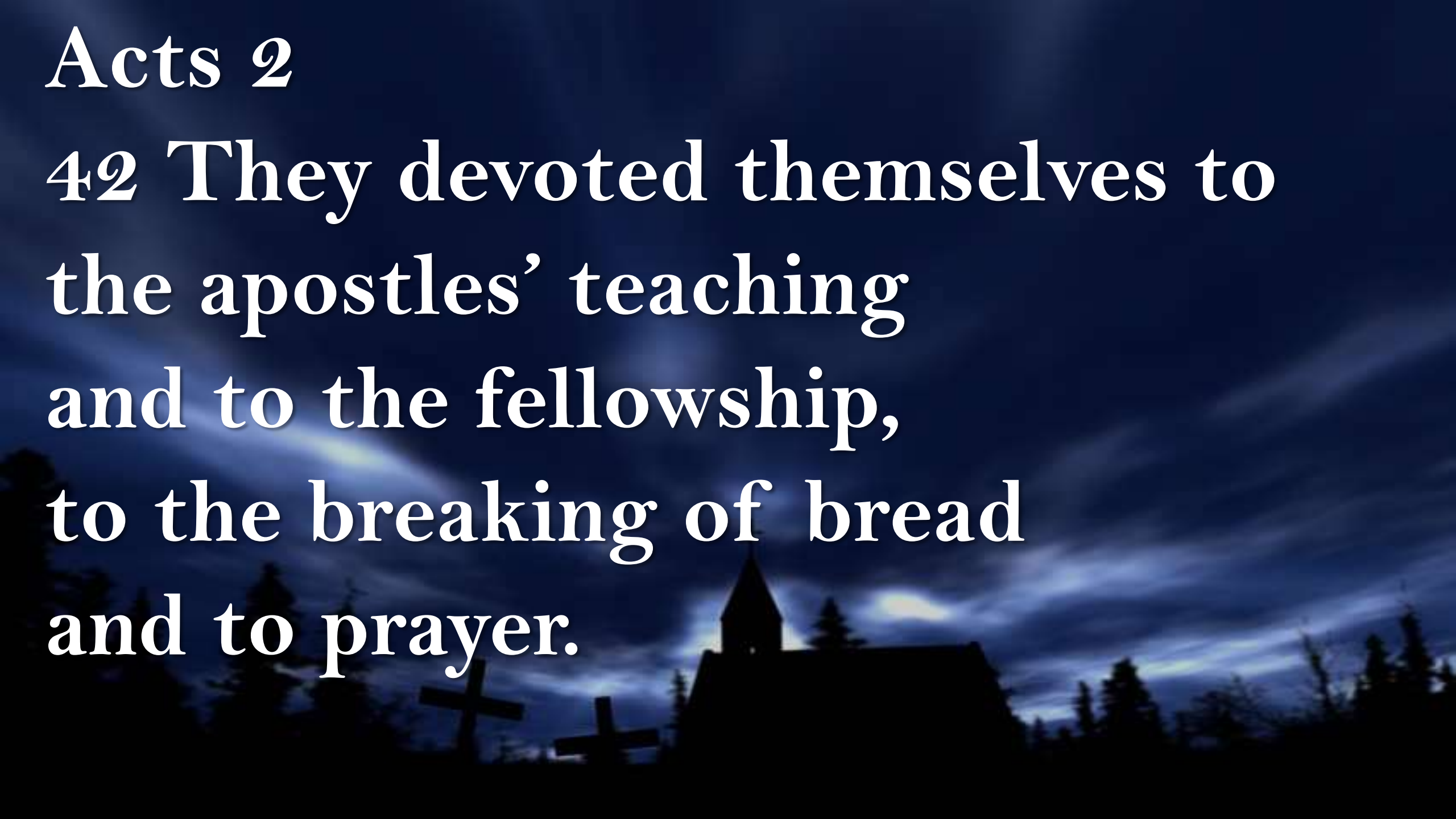
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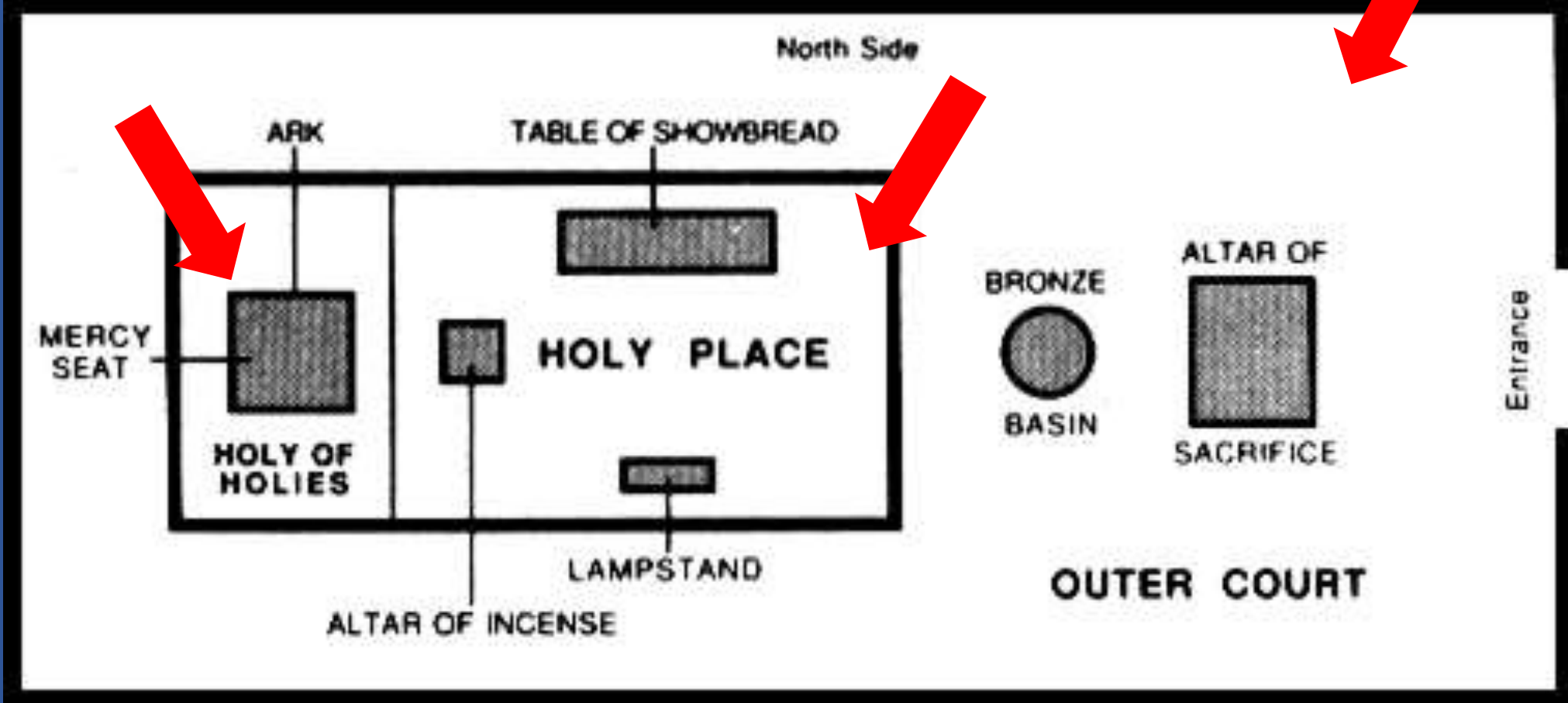
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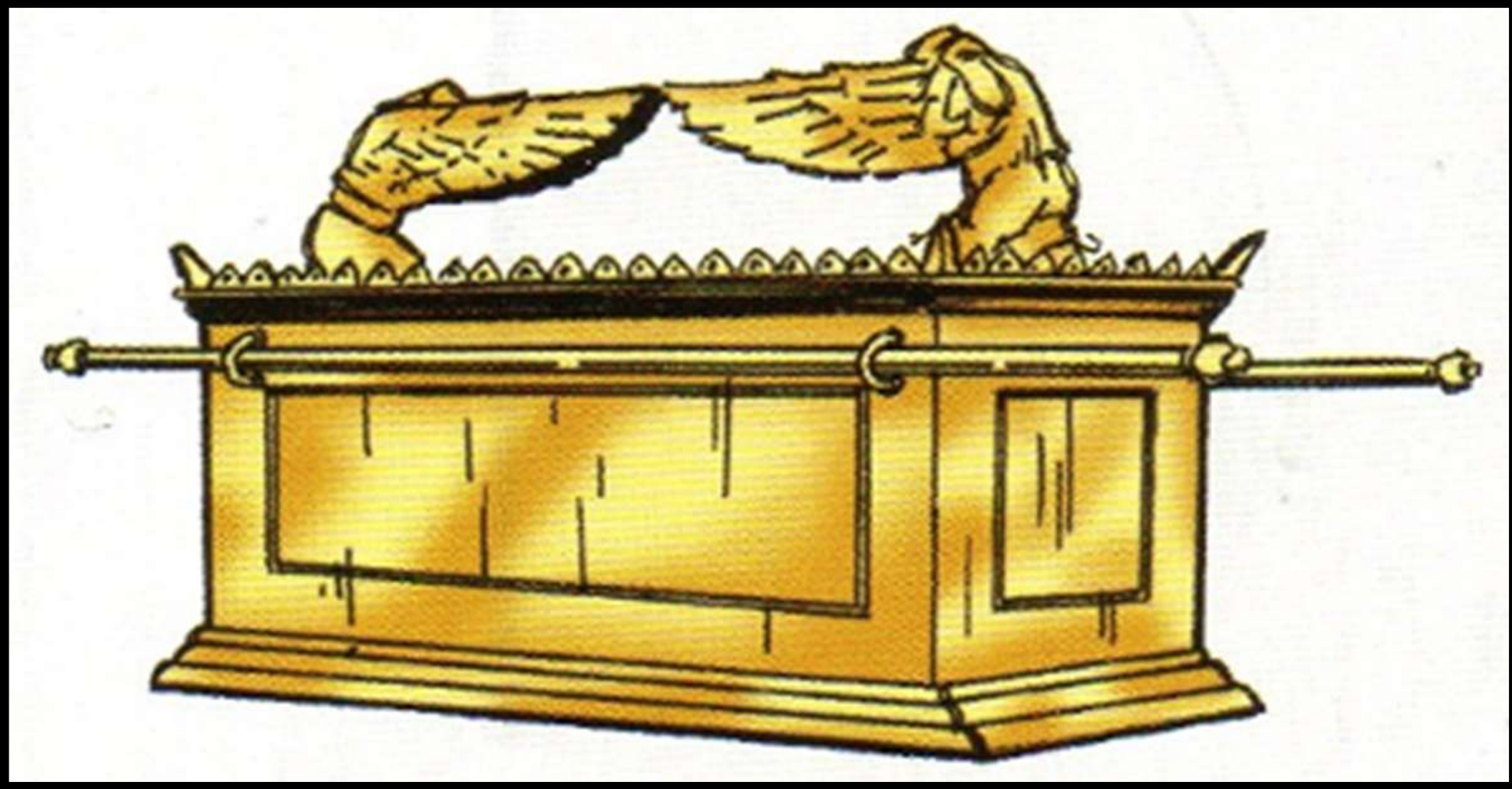
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Koinonia

- fellowship, association, community,
communion, joint participation







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1. Inward fellowship

2. Outward fellowship



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Koinonia – Inward Fellowship

1 Corinthians 1

8 He will sustain you to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 God, who has called you into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

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2 Corinthians 13

14 May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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The saving grace of God
and our union with Christ,
and the fellowship with the Spirit

MUST BE REAL

Before the outward fellowship is possible

Philippians 2

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Mark 5

18 As He was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by the demons begged to go with Him.

19 But Jesus would not allow him.

“Go home to your own people,” He said, “and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy He has shown you.”

20 So the man went away and began to proclaim throughout the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him.

And everyone was amazed.

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Titus 3

1 Remind the believers to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient and ready for every good work,

2 to malign no one, and to be peaceable and gentle, showing full consideration to everyone.

Titus 3

3 For at one time we too were foolish, disobedient, led astray, and enslaved to all sorts of desires and pleasures—

living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared,

5 **He saved us,**

not by the righteous deeds we had done,

but according to His mercy, through the washing of new birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

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- have forgotten what it took to save them**

1 John 4

9 This is how God's love was revealed among us: God sent His one and only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him.

10 And love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as the **atoning sacrifice** for our sins.

11 **Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.**

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Our union with Christ is real and it:

- produces love, joy and peace
- produces a heart of praise and worship
- places us into a family that fellowships
- powers love and service for that family
- produces a desire to be with that family

1 Peter 2

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, to proclaim the virtues of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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