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COMMUNION

1. intro



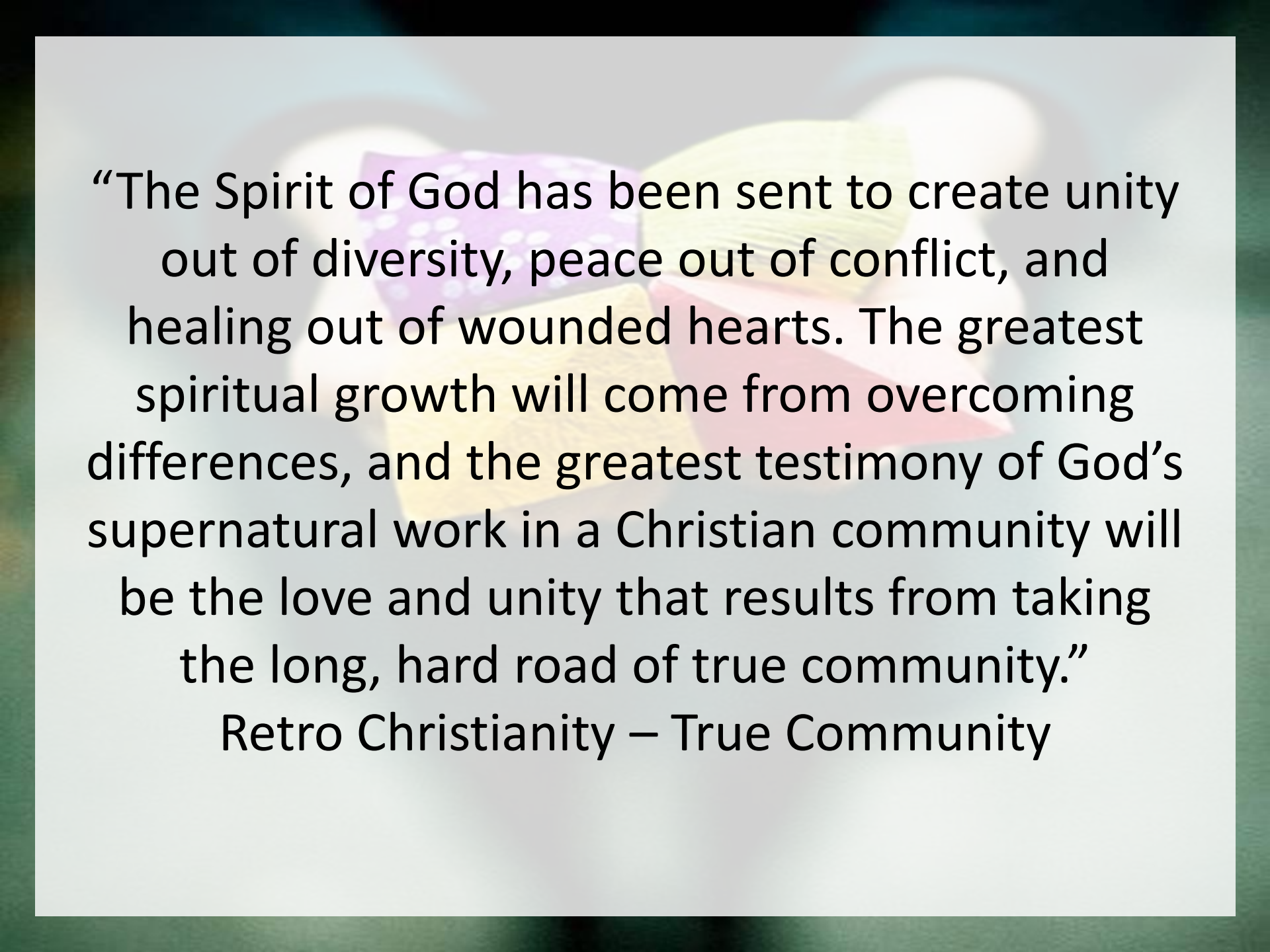
COMMUNITY !

WHY COMMUNITY?



RECAP:

1. Jesus said so
2. The whole World is watching
3. We grow



“The Spirit of God has been sent to create unity out of diversity, peace out of conflict, and healing out of wounded hearts. The greatest spiritual growth will come from overcoming differences, and the greatest testimony of God’s supernatural work in a Christian community will be the love and unity that results from taking the long, hard road of true community.”

Retro Christianity – True Community

A hand is shown holding three objects: a purple bow with white polka dots, a yellow pyramid with a textured surface, and a pink pyramid with a textured surface. The background is a blurred image of a person's face, with a white rectangular area in the center where the text is located.

THE SECRET TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

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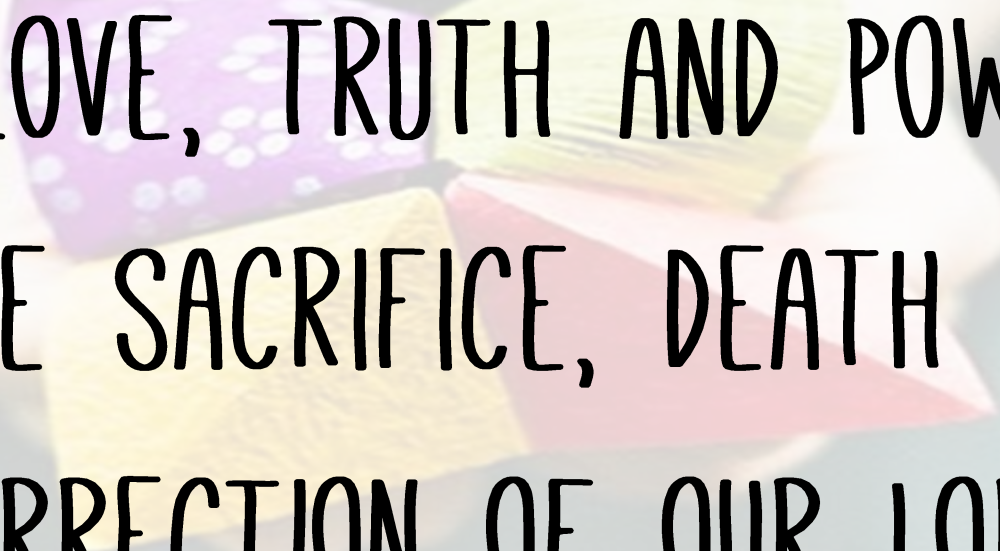
kə'mju:nɪti/

a social, religious, occupational, or other group sharing **common characteristics** or **interests** and perceived or perceiving itself as **distinct in some respect** from the larger society within which it exists

3. that one thing:

A hand is shown holding four colorful geometric blocks (a purple cube with white dots, a yellow cube, a green cube, and a pink cube) arranged in a square pattern. The background is a blurred image of a person's face.

WHAT HOLDS US ALL
TOGETHER?

A stack of three books is visible in the background. The top book is purple with white polka dots. The middle book is yellow. The bottom book is pink. They are slightly out of focus, serving as a decorative background for the text.

THE LOVE, TRUTH AND POWER
OF THE SACRIFICE, DEATH AND
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 26:26-28 (HCSB)

The First Lord's Supper

²⁶ As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take and eat it; this is My body." ²⁷ Then He took a cup, and after giving thanks, He gave it to them and said, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ For this is My blood that establishes the covenant; it is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins.

A hand holding four communion wafers. The wafers are purple with white dots, yellow, and pink. The background is a blurred image of a person's face, suggesting a religious or spiritual context.

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**True Community is
Communion**

True Community is Communion

A blurred background image showing a person's profile from the side, holding a communion cup and bread. The cup is purple with white polka dots, and the bread is yellow and pink. The person's face is partially visible, looking down at the communion elements.

1Corinthians 10:16

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

3.1 definition:

communion

(kə'myun yən)

1. Holy Communion

2. a group of persons having a common religious faith; denomination: *Anglican communion*.

3. interchange or sharing of thoughts or emotions: *communion with nature*.

4. the act of sharing, or holding in common; participation.

3.1 definition: GREEK

koinōnia

koy-nohn-ee'-ah

From G2844; *partnership*, that is, (literally) *participation*, or (social) *intercourse*, or (pecuniary) *benefaction*: - (to) communicate (-ation), communion, (contri-), distribution, fellowship.

a. to come into communion or fellowship, to become a sharer, be made a partner

b. to enter into fellowship, join oneself as an associate, make oneself a sharer or partner

4. communion: Scripture

1 Corinthians 11:23-34 (HCSB)

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: On the night when He was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, ²⁴ gave thanks, broke it, and said, “This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

²⁵ In the same way, after supper He also took the cup and said, “This cup is the new covenant established by My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

4. communion: Scripture

²⁷ Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy way will be guilty of sin against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ So a man should examine himself; in this way he should eat the bread and drink from the cup. ²⁹ For whoever eats and drinks without recognizing the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ This is why many are sick and ill among you, and many have fallen asleep. ³¹ If we were properly evaluating ourselves, we would not be judged, ³² but when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord, so that we may not be condemned with the world.

4. communion: Scripture

³³ Therefore, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. ³⁴ If anyone is hungry, he should eat at home, so that when you gather together you will not come under judgment. And I will give instructions about the other matters whenever I come.

5. why communion?

a) When we observe Communion we show our participation in the body of Christ. His life becomes our life and we become members of each other:

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

¹⁶ The cup of blessing that we give thanks for, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for all of us share that one bread.

5. why communion?

- b) We observe Communion because the Lord told us to. His commands: 1 Corinthians 11:24**
- c) In observing Communion we are remembering Christ and all that He has done for us in His life, death and resurrection: 1 Corinthians 11:24**
- d) When observing Communion we take time to examine ourselves: 1 Corinthians 11:28**
- e) In observing Communion we are proclaiming His death until He comes. It is a statement of faith: 1 Corinthians 11:26**

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