

Deuteronomy 3:12-20 Sermon Notes

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47

In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval. When you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, for as you eat each of you goes ahead without waiting for anybody else. One remains hungry, another gets drunk. Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you for this? Certainly not! 1 Corinthians 11:17-22

Each of you should look out not only for your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:4

These all were commended for their faith yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. Hebrews 11:39-40

"The men of the two and a half tribes were required to assist their brethren in the conquest of the lands to the west of the Jordan before settling down. God had given them their possession, but there was to be no selfish enjoyment of it until the whole nation had rest. In all respects the nations had to act as a group, in community, under the leadership of Yahweh, an important aspect of biblical thinking" Thompson, Deuteronomy, 99.

