



The Church - 2014 Series  
Calvary Baptist Church  
PART II: The Church and You  
Text for Part II: Acts 2:42  
Sermon 2C: A Place of Interaction  
Sunday, October 5, 2014



- I. A Place of Instruction - "Doctrine" (Acts 2:42; 6:1-2)
  - A. The church is the place where God has placed gifted leaders to love me, guide me and watch over me.
  - B. The church is a place where I find help in keeping my life in conformity to the Word of God and the will of God.
- II. A Place of Involvement "Fellowship" (partnership) (Heb. 10:25; Acts 2:42)
  - A. The church allows me, as just one person, to become part of something much greater!
  - B. The church is the place where my gifts, talents, abilities, and resources, may be pooled together with other believers to unite in carrying out the Great Commission. (Mt. 18:19,20; Acts 1:8A; Eph. 4:11-12)
  - C. The church is the place that allows me to connect with the great missionary sending agency of God. (Acts 1:8 full; Acts 13:2; 2 Cor. 8:1)
- III. A Place of **Interaction** "Breaking of bread"
  - A. The church, collectively, is the **bride** of Christ. (Rev. 19:7-8)
  - B. The church, individually and collectively is **loved** by Christ. Christ demonstrated that love by giving Himself for it. I want to be **part** of what God loves. (Eph. 5:25)
  - C. I want to be connected with the body of which Christ is the **head**. (Col. 1:18)
  - D. I want to align myself with that which is **subject** to Christ. (Eph. 5:24)
  - E. The church is where I gather with the rest of the **body**. (1 Cor. 12:12-13; Rom. 12:4-5)

**QUOTE:** We have fellowship with each other because we are branches of the same Vine, limbs of the same Body, and children of the same Father. Those who love their Father naturally love His other children. Your hands take a personal interest in the welfare of your feet.  
Hinckley, *A Compact Guide to the Christian Life*.

- F. The church is a **family** to me. (Gal. 6:10; 1 John 3:1; Eph. 2:19-22)
- G. The church is the key to fulfilling the **mandate** of looking out for one another. (Philippians 2:3-4)
- H. We **need** the other **parts** of the body of Christ. (1 Cor. 12:20; Eph. 5:30; 1 Cor. 12:26)
- I. The church is a place of mutual **care** and **support**. It is the place where I may find support in the crises of my life. (Acts 2:44)
- J. The church is the place where I join with my brothers and sisters to observe the **ordinances** of God together.
  1. Baptism (Acts 2:41)
  2. Communion (1 Cor. 11:23-26)

- K. The church is God's unifying agency to bring together all **rac**es and classes in as one! (1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 4:4-5; Col. 3:11)

**QUOTE:** In Christ distinctions are removed. These include national distinctions (**Greek or Jew**; Jews called all those outside their nation Greeks; cf. [Gal. 3:28](#)); religious distinctions (**circumcised or uncircumcised**); cultural distinctions (anyone foreign to Greek culture was a **barbarian**, and a **Scythian** was a wild, savage nomad); and economic or social distinctions (**slave or free**). If a Greek, an uncircumcised person, a barbarian, a Scythian, or a slave became a believer, he was a "new creation" ([2 Cor. 5:17](#)), a "new self" ([Col. 3:10](#)), just like a Jew or free person who became a Christian. For **Christ is all, and is in all**. That is, normal human distinctions are overruled and transfigured by one's union in Christ.

*The Bible Knowledge Commentary*

- L. The church is where I am edified by joining others in learning the **Scriptures** and **singing** to God. (Col. 3:16)