

TOPIC: **GETTING ALONG WITH OTHERS**

BIBLE READING: Act 4:32-37

MEMORY VERSE: Math 5:16

CENTRAL TRUTH: We are the mirror people see; our way of life is expected to reflect that of Christ.

INTRODUCTION

A Christian is expected to exemplify high spiritual and moral standard in the community or his/her immediate environment knowing fully well that unbelievers are moved towards accepting Christ through their character.

I. GETTING ALONG WITH FELLOW BELIEVERS.

One of the prominent aspects of their life in the early church after forgiveness of their sin was their relationship with each other. Let's take note of the following features and learn from them.

- A. They were baptized into the body of believers (Acts 2:41, 47; 1 Cor. 12:13).
- B. They participated in corporate worship with each other (Acts 2:42, 46-47).
- C. They shared their material blessings with each other as brothers and sisters had need (2:44-45). "They shared everything they had" (Acts 4:32).
- D. They sold their real estate and possessions to meet the needs of others (Acts 2:45; 4:34). The proceeds were brought to the twelve apostles (Acts 4:35, 37; 5:2).
- E. The apostles distributed to each in need (4:4:35). Later, seven qualified men were placed in charge of this service and distribution (6:1-6).
- F. Selling of property was voluntary (Acts 5:4).
- G. The disciples were of one mind and soul (Acts 2:46; 4:32)
- H. They met together as an entire group in the temple as well as eating together as households or from house to house (2:46).

II. GETTING ALONG WITH UNBELIEVERS

Unbelievers abound everywhere in our community, work place, school, business circles etc. They have a totally different way of life and their approach to thing and issues is totally different. What ways can we get along with them?

- A. Greeting and compliment:
- B. Showing concern when they are need Luke 10:25-37.
- C. Pray for the unbelievers in your life by their name. [James 5:16](#)
- D. Lean in towards unbelieving family members and work on their salvation
- E. Love your neighbours: Mark 12:31
- F. Appreciate unbelievers in your workplace

- G. Teach and correct them in love. Romans 12:9-13

III. WHY SHOULD WE GET ALONG WITH OTHERS

- A. Christians are also part of the world system: Though we live in the world but we don't belong to the world, we are only meant to make things right in the world.
- B. In order to know their needs and proffer spiritual solution with the help of the Holy spirit
- C. In order to win them to Christ: As we get to know our community, we can join in God's mission. [Psalm 23](#); [Isaiah 58:6-12](#); [Matthew 25:31-40](#); [John 11:1-44](#)
- D. In order for us to also fulfil God's commandment and will:
- E. Get commendation for a job well done Matthew 25:21

CONCLUSION:

Though we are in the world but not of this world, when we look at the world around us, making a difference can look a bit difficult and unachievable. Yet Christ calls us to an exemplary life of purpose that glorifies him.

Our ways of life in this world can help a great deal in propagating the gospel and turning people to the way of Christ.

Also, the Christian body will know tremendous growth if we can live a life of trust, honesty and genuine love among ourselves.