

# The Joy of Assembling

## I. Introduction

A. Like many commands God gives us, assembling with saints as we have ability and opportunity is not just a duty, but it is also a *blessing*. Consider some things Scripture teachings that demonstrate the *joy* of assembling with saints. **Psalm 122:1**

## II. The Wisdom of God

A. God's *wisdom* is seen in His design of the local church assembly. For instance, while all Christians are personally responsible for growing "in the grace and knowledge" of Christ, Christians provide great *help* to one another in this effort. **2 Peter 3:18; Acts 18:27**

## III. The Value of Edification

A. This help can be summed up in the word "*edification*." The value of assembling together is better appreciated when we have a great eagerness to edify others, and be edified *by* others. **1 Corinthians 14:26; Hebrews 10:24-25**

## IV. The Blessing of Singing with One Another

A. A specific way through which we edify one another is through *singing*. While singing is foremost directed toward God, it is also for each other. By the words we sing, we teach and admonish one another. **Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16**

## V. The Privilege of Worshiping God Together

- A. While our worship benefits each other, it is foremost for the glory of God. **Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16**
- B. It is a wonderful *privilege* for our Creator to allow us to glorify and honor Him through worship. There is no greater aim for the faithful Christian than to please God, and worshiping Him with likeminded Christians is one of the things that pleases Him. **2 Corinthians 5:9**

## VI. The Beauty of Communion

- A. A specific part of the church's worship involves partaking of the Lord's Supper. This is sometimes referred to as the "communion service," as it demonstrates the *communion* (fellowship) we have with Christ and one another. The fellowship Christians have when worshiping together (not only through the Lord's Supper, but throughout assembly times) is a wonderful thing. **1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

## VII. Conclusion

- A. While much of God's will for our lives is carried out on an individual basis, there is great significance in the collective duties God assigns to the local church. The assembly of the saints accomplishes many wonderful purposes, both in the glory it brings to God and the benefit provided to the saints. May we always appreciate the blessing God provides us of assembling with brothers and sisters in Christ.