



Community

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COMMUNION

1. intro

A pair of hands is shown holding a colorful paper bow. The bow is made of four pieces of paper: purple with white polka dots, yellow, pink, and light green. The hands are positioned behind the bow, with fingers visible on the sides. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue and white.

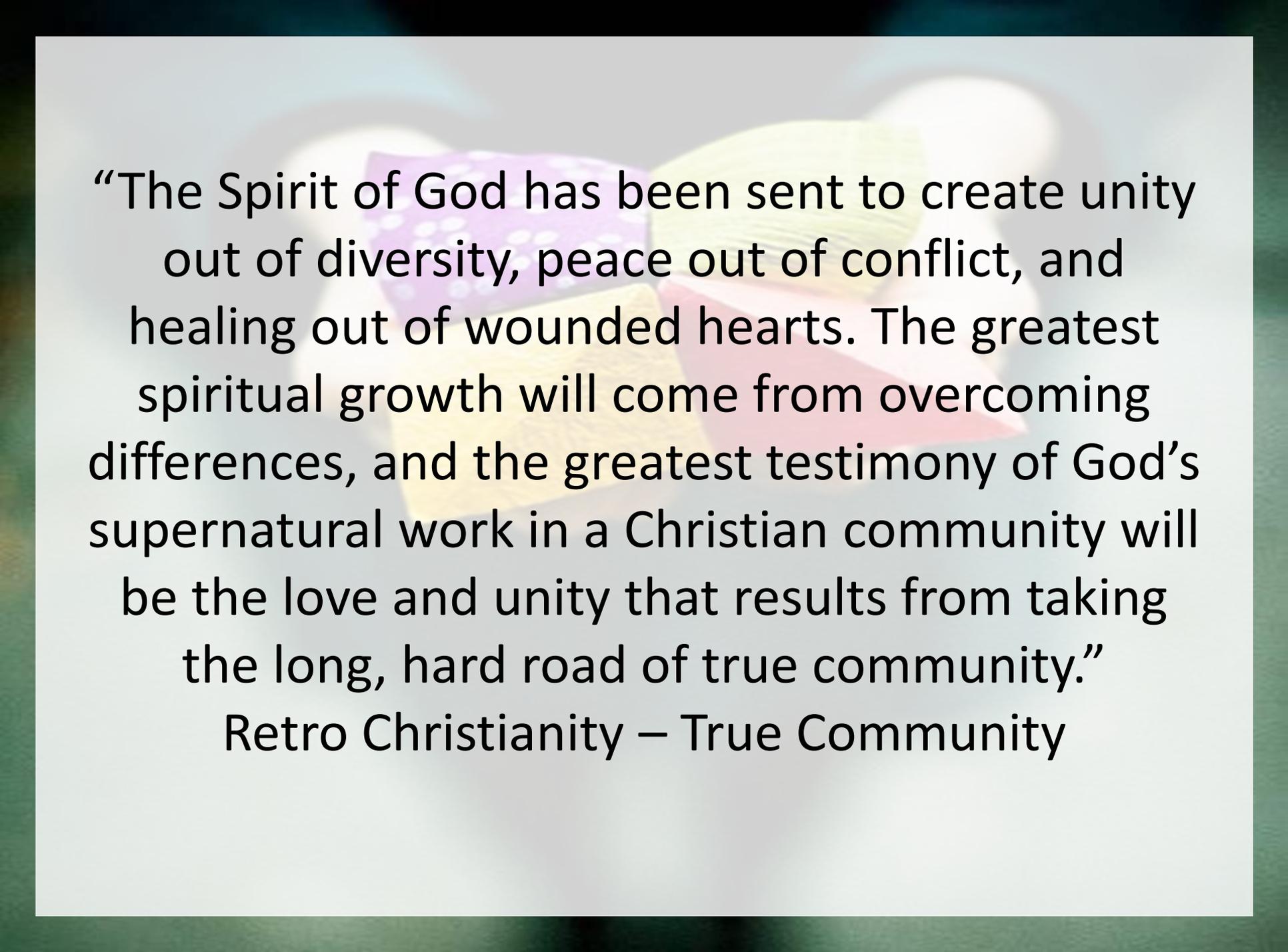
COMMUNITY !

WHY COMMUNITY?



RECAP:

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

The background of the slide is a blurred image of several books in various colors, including purple, yellow, and red, stacked together. The text is overlaid on this background.

“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 gift box wrapped in yellow paper with a purple ribbon featuring white polka dots and a large yellow bow. The gift is centered in the upper half of the image. In the background, a person's face is visible in profile, looking towards the right, but it is heavily blurred and semi-transparent, serving as a backdrop for the gift.

THE SECRET TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

## 2. community



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### **Community**

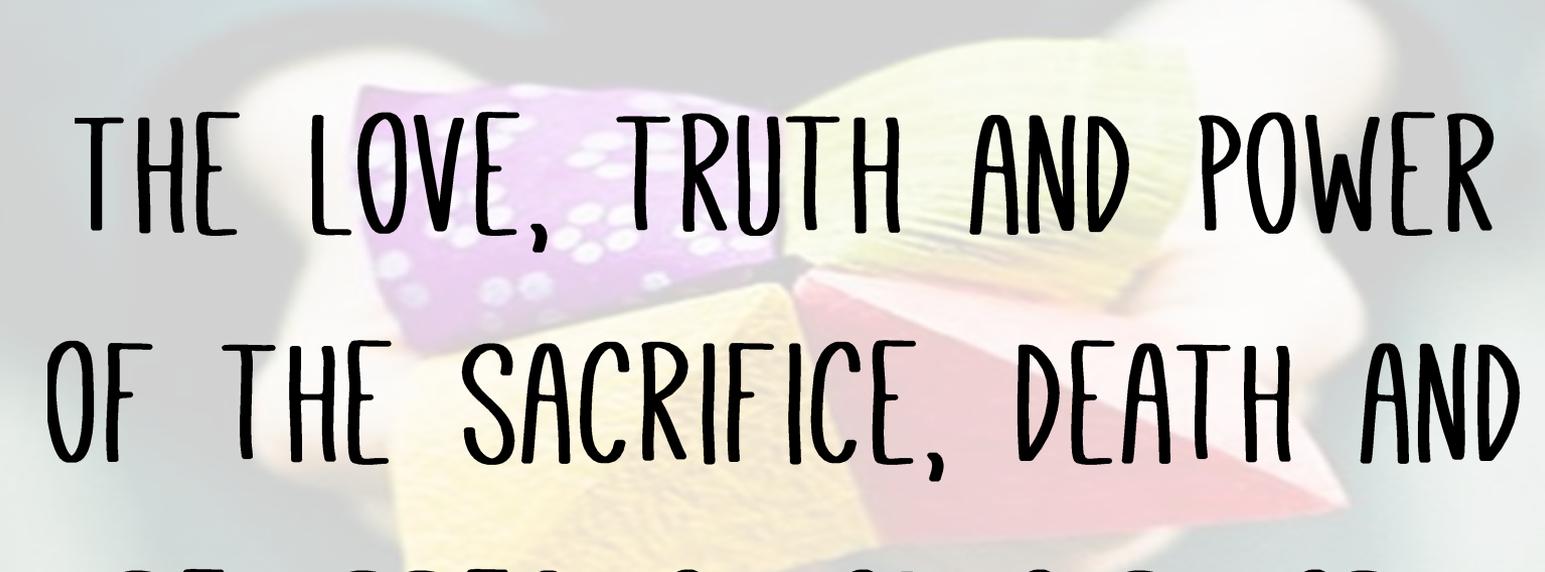
**kə' mju:nɪti/**

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:



WHAT HOLDS US ALL  
TOGETHER?



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**

<sup>26</sup> 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." <sup>27</sup> Then He took a cup, and after giving thanks, He gave it to them and said, "Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup> For this is My blood that establishes the covenant; it is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins.

A blurred background image showing a person's profile from the side, holding a stack of four gift boxes. The boxes are purple with white polka dots, yellow, pink, and red. The person's face is partially visible, looking towards the right.

AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY...

**True Community is  
Communion**

# True Community is Communion



## **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)**

<sup>23</sup> 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, <sup>24</sup> gave thanks, broke it, and said, “This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

<sup>25</sup> 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.” <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

## 4. communion: Scripture

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

## 4. communion: Scripture

<sup>33</sup> Therefore, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. <sup>34</sup> 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**

<sup>16</sup> 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?

<sup>17</sup> 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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**COMMUNION OF CHRIST**

