

SUSTAINED ATTACHMENT

Colossians 1:22-23a (HCSB)

22 But now He has reconciled you by His physical body through His death, to present you holy, faultless, and blameless before Him— **23 if indeed you remain grounded and steadfast in the faith** and are not shifted away from the hope of the gospel that you heard.

Romans 5:3-5 (HCSB)

3 And not only that, but we also rejoice in our **afflictions**, because we know that affliction produces **endurance**, **4** endurance produces **proven character**, and proven character produces **hope**. **5** This hope will not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Acts 2:42,46 (HCSB)

42 And they devoted themselves to the **apostles' teaching**, to the **fellowship**, to the breaking of bread, and to the prayers. **46** Every day they devoted themselves to **meeting together** in the temple complex, and broke bread from house to house.

Romans 1:11-12 (HCSB)

11 For I want very much to see you, so I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you, **12** that is, to be **mutually encouraged by each other's faith**, both yours and mine.

This template is what the church was predicated upon and sustained by:

God:

- Pierces hearts
- Forgives
- Gives Spirit
- Gives desire

Humanity:

- Repents
- Is baptized
- Devote themselves
- Sustain attachment

Ephesians 3:10-11 (HCSB)

10 This is so God's multi-faceted wisdom may now be made known **through the church** to the rulers and authorities in the heavens. **11** This is according to His eternal purpose accomplished in the Messiah, Jesus our Lord.