

Assembling Together The Personal Touch

Hebrews 10:23-25

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Products of the Baptism of the Word

- “hearts sprinkled clean...bodies washed with pure water.” – Heb 10:22
 - Not talking about baptism, but about the result of true baptism into Christ
 - Heart cleansed of moral impurity
 - Body continually being washed in the Word
- “...one baptism...” – Eph 4:5
- “having been buried **with him** in baptism...also raised **with him** through faith...” – Col 2:12f.
- Βάπτω, Bapto (to dip into, fig. to give a new identity); Βαπτισμός, Baptism (to cleanse)

With Him – Col 2:8-13

- Fullness of Deity dwell bodily in Him – 2:9
- You have been filled ***in Him*** – 2:10
- You were circumcised ***in Him*** made without hands...by the circumcision of Christ – 2:11
- You were buried ***with Him*** in baptism (being dipped into, or identified with---by God) – 2:12a
- You were raised ***with Him*** through faith in the One who raised Him – 2:12b
- You were made alive together ***with Him*** – 2:14
- Your transgressions were nailed to ***His cross*** – 2:15

In His Body – Eph 4:4-16

- We are put (baptized) into His Body (also referred to as His Bride) – Ro 6:3
 - Cf. 1 Co 6:15, 19; 12:13, 27
- We were identified ***with Him in his death*** – Ro 6:5f.
- Therefore, because we ***have died with Christ*** – 6:8
- We shall also ***live with Him*** through His resurrection – 6:8-10
- So, consider yourselves dead to sin but alive to God – 6:10-14

Christ's Body, and Individually Members

1 Co 12:27

- We are, and we are part of, Christ's body
- The body has many individual parts that must function in harmony for the body to function as it ought – 1 Co 12

The Assembling Together – Heb 10:25

- Radio talk show about the difficulties associated with developing meaningful relationships as a homosexual person
 - Social Media explosion has not led to more meaningful and close relationships
 - If you work on a different floor, you will not have much time with X
 - Proximity allows the creation of relationship
 - We tend make less effort to keep relationships with those we do not see regularly
- He could have been talking about the Body of Christ
 - GRIT – Grounded, Relational, Innovative Tribe – face-to-face retreat

“Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together,”
is a most important exhortation. Even if we should
not derive any especial benefit, at the time, so far as
we are conscious, yet we may be kept from much
harm. And *very frequently the beginning of coldness*
of heart is nourished by keeping away from the
meetings of the saints.

--- George Mueller

Assembling Together – Heb 10:23-25

- **He** (the One ***in Whom we are***) is faithful – 10:23c
- Therefore, hold fast the confession of our hope – 10:23a
- Not wavering – 10:23b
- Consider how to stimulate ***one another*** to love and good deeds – 10:24
- Not forsaking the assembling together – 10:25a
 - As some habitually do
- Encourage one another – 10:25b
 - Even more as you see THE DAY drawing near

So What Do We Do Now?

- Think of a believer you know who has not been present in our gathering for _____ weeks (one or more)
 - Pray for them
 - Contact them to let them know you missed them (text, FB, e-mail, note, etc)
- Notice someone who is sitting near you, whom you have not talked with recently
 - Pray for them
 - Ask them how they are doing
 - Listen
 - Keep them in your prayers this week