

Community: Life Together With God

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Salvation is not just about you and
God.

“It is not good for the man to be
alone”

-Genesis 2:18

Common Unity

We call this Community

Community is in God's person

"Let us make man in our likeness..."

Genesis 1:26

If God Himself is a loving community,
then man can't reflect a triune God
alone

The idea of salvation cannot be reduced to a personal relationship with Jesus. God's plan is much more encompassing. God intends for salvation to be a community-creating event.

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, " Save yourselves from this corrupt generation. " Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

-Acts 2:36-41

Salvation is FROM something "this corrupt generation" and TO something "to their number (church/family)"

Salvation Creates Community and Re-Creates
Community

Think about what you're devoted to:

What gets your time?

What gets your resources?

What gets your dreams?

What gets your emotional energy?

Acts 2 gives these practical ways

-Apostles' teaching

-Prayer

-Fellowship

-Breaking bread together

-Being connected and sharing life

-Supporting each other in every way (spiritually,
emotionally, financially)

These were people of

-Faith

-Humility

-Hospitality