

## What Shall We Do?

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Split Sermon

Welcome to this special Sabbath gathering here in the beautiful state of Georgia. I must say, the drive down from Atlanta was really nice today. The enthusiasm that's here, the unity that's here, it's truly, truly inspiring. What a beautiful thing when God's people can come together and have this kind of excitement to see one another and to look forward to a Sabbath service. But hey! Why don't we do this *every* Sabbath? Even if you're by yourself have some *enthusiasm* for the Sabbath day and for being taught by God. I just can't help but think about how we sometimes hear about folks that don't want to make that half an hour or hour trip to services; and yes, there's probably a couple that I know personally that I'm talking to a little bit; but hey, this is awesome! Be enthusiastic about the Sabbath day!

Look at the week we have, look at what we do all week long... it's incredible the things that we go through, going to our jobs, trying to find a job, or trying to make ends meet; doing all the things that we have to do to live our life...and then the Sabbath comes. How about some enthusiasm? Let's move that forward. Every week... *every week*; it doesn't have to be a special Sabbath day, doesn't have to be a Holy Day. Think about that, pray about it! This is awesome! This is *great* to experience! We don't have Feast sites this big! And I feel it; I feel the excitement. I feel the enthusiasm. I feel the unity here; and this is just a beautiful thing... so take it home with you. I don't care if you're by yourself every week or if you're not here personally right now – a little enthusiasm for the Sabbath day would do everybody some good! *Desire* to be taught! Desire to be taught by God, to be brought into the unity of the faith. It's just a beautiful thing.

Let's turn to the book of Acts 2:1. Everyone seems to have their favourite scriptures in the Bible and places they like to go to at certain times in their lives. This section of scripture happens to be in my favourites, it's on my playlist, it's something that I appreciate – the attitude of what's being said here, and I think we can learn a lot from it; we'll kick off this split sermon with it.

**Acts 2:1 - And when the Day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.**

Of one mind, with God's mind working around them at this time. They hadn't received the holy spirit yet but they were being called, they were being drawn from out of this world. They had God's spirit working with them. And so they were of one mind, that's why they were there, otherwise they wouldn't be there in one place all together. It's just like we're called to be together on the Sabbath day.

**Verse 2 - And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared upon them cloven tongues, like of fire; and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the holy spirit, that down payment; but here they had big work to do, they were *filled* with the holy spirit because they had a big job ahead of them; they **began to speak in other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance.** As we know, not in confusion. It was not a confusing time, they weren't confusing words. They explained in simple terms that everybody could understand in their own language.**

It says, **And there were dwelling with them at Jerusalem, Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. And when this was noised about,** or when people started talking about it, this crazy event where these people were speaking in different languages, where you could hear them in your own language, **the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them**

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**speak in their own language.** Can you imagine witnessing that? And here we have people that witnessed this miracle from God as He gave His spirit as the Church began here on the Day of Pentecost. Can you imagine? To see God's hand in action, visibly – *seeing it*; not like when He's working in our minds, right? ...from week to week and you can't see the growth in yourselves, but you're growing; if you keep plugging away. If you keep working you're going to grow, just like we hear when the Weinland's go around and they see someone and then see them again six months later and they see the growth. They see the growth in you if you're doing your part.

And that's what much of this sermon has to do with. What shall we do? What do we do going forward? How do we focus our lives for some 18 months, for others beyond that... how do we focus?

**Verse 7 - And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? I mean, how does everybody understand what they're saying? And how we hear every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? And they were all amazed, and they were in doubt, saying to one another, What does this mean? And others mocking saying, They must be drunk. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, You men of Judea, and all you that dwell in Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken unto my words: For these are not drunken as you suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which is spoken by the prophet Joel...**

And this section that comes up here is talking about the plan of God from the beginning to the end basically, **And it shall come to pass in the last days, that I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:** the beginning of that process as we're called.

**Verse 18 - And on My servant and on My handmaids I will pour out in those days My spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: and the sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, for that great and terrible day of the Lord come: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.** Talking about that process as God begins to call, in His timeframe. From the first person that He calls and starts to work with all the way through the Great White Throne; that whole process of being called; all of mankind given the opportunity to live the way of life you've been called to. Again, what a beautiful sight.

But we look at this... **verse 21 - And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

And it says in **verse 36 - Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God has made the same Jesus, whom you have crucified, the Lord and Christ.**

**Verse 37 - Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their hearts, and they said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the holy spirit. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.** They were pricked in their hearts. Why? Because they saw that they lived a different way of life. They saw that! They saw that what they did as far as not keeping the Sabbath day, as God instructs, and not keeping the Holy Days as God instructs,

you know, to the spiritual intent of the law. They recognized it, they recognized themselves and they said, "What shall we do?"

So when we're called, when we're drawn out of this world (or maybe in my case, when I was *dragged* out of this world), we learned the difference between God's way and man's way. We learn how wrong man's way is, how wrong *our* way is. We learn that we keep the wrong days, Sunday and Christmas, and Easter – rather than the Sabbath and the seven annual Holy Days. We learn what sin is and we learn that we sin. And we learn the *need* for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ whom *we* crucified... *whom we crucified*; just like they recognized that on that first Pentecost when God's spirit was given.

So what do we do? What *do* we do? We repent, or we change our way of thinking, our way of living, we're baptized as we're called, we receive the laying on of hands and the *gift* of the holy spirit. Yet the question remains... What shall we do? And that is the title of this message; *What Shall We Do?*

Today we'll look at the answers to that very question. We'll look to God's word for those answers, because after we repent and we change and we look at things differently and we start living differently and we're baptized and we receive the laying on of hands and the gift of the holy spirit... again, that question does remain; and it is, What shall we do?

**Matthew 24:42** – What shall we do? The first word, it says, **Watch** – to be spiritually alert, paying attention to what God is revealing to you. **Watch**; spiritual alertness, **therefore: for you shall not know what hour your Lord comes. For if you knew this, and if the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and he would not have suffered the house from being broken into.** We know the watch, we know the time; and for all of us, really, to a large degree when the Lord comes is between now and Pentecost of 2012; and it'll be sooner for some, but in that timeframe, that is the watch. So if we know the watch, if we know what watch Jesus Christ will return, what do we do? We're to stay *spiritually alert*, paying attention and *responding* to God.

**Verse 44 - Therefore be you also ready:** to be prepared, just like the name of the Church – 'Preparing for the Kingdom of God'. It says, **you shall be prepared**; equipped. Well, what would we be equipped with? Equipped with the holy spirit because we were called, we were baptized, we repented, there's the laying on of hands, we receive the holy spirit. We have Jesus Christ to be there, right? ...Who paid the penalty, the death penalty for our sins... and we can be reconciled back to the Father. So we can be *equipped* with the holy spirit dwelling in us, God's mind in us, helping us if we yield to it. If we yield to God's mind in our mind, if we *wait* for God's mind to take over, to help us, if we acquiesce to it, if we allow God's mind to work with ours, if we yield to that process, we *will* be equipped and we'll be prepared and we will be ready. As it says, **for in such an hour as you think not the Son of man comes.** Because it could be very soon for somebody.

**Verse 45 - Who then is a faithful,** all right? Faithful; fulfilling your reasonable service, making the choices that you need to be making in how you live your life. **Who is that faithful and wise servant, whom his Lord has made ruler over the Household, to give him meat in due season?**

**Verse 46 - Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when He comes shall find so doing.** ...*find so doing*; continuing to live this way of life, yielding to the holy spirit of God.

Again, What shall we do? **Luke 12:35 - Let your loins be girded about,** be ready for anything, spiritually ready; **and your lamps burning;** or full of oil, or be full of the holy spirit, on fire for God's way of life; **And What Shall We Do?**

**you yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, when He will return from the wedding; and when He comes back and knocks, that they may open unto Him immediately.** ...or to receive Him willingly, receiving this way of life, receiving God *into* your life and to be ready immediately, instantly.

**Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He comes shall find watching:** being spiritually alert, living by faith. Says, **verily I say unto you, that He shall gird Himself, and take them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if He shall come in the second watch, or if He come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. And this know, that if the good man of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and have not suffered his house to be broken through. But you therefore be ready:** be prepared, be made ready by allowing God to work in your mind, growing and overcoming; **for the Son of man comes at an hour when you think not.**

So Matthew 24 tells us that we are to 'watch', to be spiritually alert, to be *paying attention*, to be *aware* of temptations, to be *aware* of wrong attitudes entering into your mind, to be *aware* of wrong words coming out of your mouth... wrong attitude coming out of your mouth towards another... paying attention to what's coming in and out of your mind. And it says to be ready, to be prepared, to be equipped. We need to be in a close personal relationship with God so we *can* repent, so we can *see* when things are happening in our minds that aren't right. ...when we're ready to say something to somebody that would hurt their feelings, or to dig at them, or to be sarcastic. We all need to look at ourselves and say, "Am I paying attention? Am I paying attention to my own attitude, my own mind, looking to God to have His mind?" Yield to that! Yield to that process to allow God to enter into your mind, and to help you with your attitudes and your thoughts and your actions; seeking the holy spirit, seeking the mind of God.

Again, it tells us to be 'faithful and wise', living the life that God *expects* you to live. The choices that you make... looking to God, asking for help. '...and so doing,' or continuing to live God's way, yielding to the holy spirit of God.

Luke 12 told us to be 'girded about', to be ready for anything. Your mind needs to be ready. You might be in a meeting at work and 'boom', something happens completely unexpected. If you're ready, if you're girded about, if you're ready for anything you're not going to let it get to you. You'll acquiesce to God's spirit and allow His mind to work with you. '...our lights burning' – full of oil; and that's only through reconciliation with our Father and receiving the holy spirit. '...on fire' – on fire for this way of life, looking forward to the Sabbath, on fire for the Sabbath, enthusiastic. It's like I run to the front seat so I can listen and be taught, to willingly receive the holy spirit of God into your life. And again, to be ready...to be made ready and yielding to the spirit of God.

**II Timothy 2:1 - You therefore, my son, be strong,** and again, it's another reference to being equipped with the holy spirit. That's how you're strong. You're not strong of your own, of yourself. We don't get the strength from going to the gym. We get the strength from obeying God and reconciling to the Father and receiving the holy spirit and having God's spirit dwell within you, to have His mind working with your mind to help you. That's how we're strong; not of ourselves, it's *never* of ourselves; because of ourselves we can do nothing. **You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Jesus Christ.** So we're to continue in this way of life, to continue to gain spiritual strength so we can be prepared.

**Verse 2 - And the things which you have heard from me among many witnesses,** confirm spiritual integrity, many witnesses, the Church of God – witnesses of this way of life. It says... **the same commit What Shall We Do?**

**you to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. You therefore endure hardness, as a soldier of Jesus Christ. No man wars;** and talking here about, **waging war against sin**, that strength that comes from God, the strength that comes from the spirit of God whereas we wage war, we wage war against sin. It says, **no man that wages war against sin entangles himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please Him who has chosen**, says we were chosen. God chose us, drafted us, enlisted us, recruited us, who signed us up. We made that commitment at baptism that we were going to live this way of life and He's there to help us. And it says here, again, **that no man wars against sin, entangles himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please Him who has chosen him to be a soldier.** We're chosen to war against sin, to *fight* against it.

**II Timothy 1:4** – breaking into the scripture here, it says **...Greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with your joy; When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice; and I am persuaded in you also. Therefore I put you in remembrance that you stir up the gift which is in you by putting on of my hands.** Stirring up the gift, reviving the fire, keeping it hot, keeping that attitude of enthusiasm for God's way of life, allowing His spirit to dwell within you, to be kindled, to be burning, to be *zealous*, putting God first in all thing, yielding to His mind: allowing it to go ahead of you so you can follow, yielding to that process, stirring up the fire... not in an artificial vain way. No, it's about an attitude toward your God and this way of life you've been called to.

**Verse 7 - For God has not given us the spirit of fear;** or the mind to be fearful or to be timid; not being able to stand up and fight for this way of life; But he's given us the **power**; here we're really talking about the ability through the holy spirit, through yielding to it. He's given us the capacity to accomplish – not of ourselves - but He can accomplish within us His will, informing our minds and building righteous character within us. Says... **and the love/agape, and of a sound mind.** A *disciplined* mind, a correct mind – the mind of God, yielding to the mind of God in you; for God has not given us a mind that is timid or fearful, but with the ability or capability to allow God to accomplish through His love and His discipline and correct mind to work with your mind and help you. Again, what a beautiful sight when God is making that happen within you and you're growing and overcoming and building character; and growth, which is a day by day process yielding to the spirit of God.

**Verse 8 – But be not you therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner: but be you partakers of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who has saved us**, or who is delivering us, making us whole, preserving us from death, because that is the penalty for sin; spiritual deliverance we're talking about. So **who has saved us**, who is in the process of saving us; **and called us to a holy calling, not according to our works**, not *our* strength, not *our* power, not *our* might, **but according to His own purpose**, to *His* energy and *His* greatness and *His* glory, **which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of the Saviour Jesus Christ, who has abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. For which this cause I suffer these things: nonetheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that He is able to keep them which I have committed unto Him against this day.**

**Verse 13** – Again, **Hold fast**, hold fast... which is 'continued possession, not letting go, holding tightly, holding firmly' in your mind with the kind of care for God's way, for God, for this way of life...the care that you need to have, the care you need to take, the attention you need to pay. Pay attention! Know what's in your mind – yielding to the spirit of God. Again, continuing to hold on, and knowing that when we fall short, when we say things, we know we can repent and ask forgiveness and be reconciled back to **What Shall We Do?**

our Father and receive that holy spirit, that once again we can strive by yielding to this spirit of God to have a continual possession – because that’s what He desires, a continual possession of His spirit, His mind in our mind working with us and helping us to grow and overcome. So, **Hold fast the form of sound words**, sound doctrine, **things which you have heard**, that we’ve heard, we comprehend, we know. We know the difference right? We know the difference between man’s way and God’s way only because He’s showed us. He has shown us.

So again, in II Timothy it tells us to ‘be strong’; to be strong or equipped with the holy spirit, to continue to increase in spiritual strength. Again, it’s not of ourselves, it’s not our strength, but it’s the power of God working in our minds so that we *can* be the warrior, a warrior against sin, to *fight* against sin, to pay attention, to pay attention to our thoughts and our attitudes and our feelings, being patient with one another, loving one another. In II Timothy it tells us to ‘stir up the gift’, to revive the fire, have enthusiasm for this way of life, to look forward to the Sabbath day, to *desire* God to teach you, to be *zealous*, to make it *burn*. It’s like a fire in your yard, a bonfire, you want to keep throwing more and more wood on it – see how big a flame you can get. That’s the attitude to have! Grow it! Ask God to help you – yield to that process! It also tells us to ‘hold fast’, and again, that continual possession, of holding on, of holding onto the holy spirit of God and this way of life *firmly in your mind*; sound doctrines, sound in faith.

God has given us a mind, His mind, with the capability to accomplish as He works with us, as He develops holy righteous character within us. He has given us His love and *His* discipline and correct mind if we yield to it. So what shall we do? Yield to God’s mind so that He can accomplish all in you. Yield to it!

**Hebrews 2:1 - Therefore we ought to give a more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.** It’s a very short verse...very short verse but so powerful. **Therefore**, it’s throughout our lives, continually; just like that hanging onto God’s spirit continually. Throughout our lives, on a continuous basis, it is our *duty*; it is our necessity to pay attention, to give the earnest heed, to pay attention, to take heed, to be careful, to be watchful, to be keeping guard. And it says, **to the things which we have heard...** Wow, the things that are in our ears which we understand, the things that are in our mind and the resulting actions that we take – staying on course, striving more abundantly to live this way of life and *yielding* to the process more frequently. And the last half of the verse... **lest at any time we should let them slip** – which we could say; or we drift, we drift along.

I like to use the analogy of an outfielder in baseball. I coached baseball for a few years and you teach the ball player on a fly ball, “You see where it’s going to go...and you run to that spot, okay? Not only do you run to that spot, you get in the position where you can field that ball and be able to throw it back into the infield. So you’re all ready, you’re prepared, you’re at the spot, you’re prepared, you’re ready to go... but if you drift, if you just kind of float back there... the ball is going to get over your head. Or if you do luckily catch it are you going to be on your back foot, ready to throw? Now you don’t have any momentum going towards home.”

It’s the same way in your Christian life... in living this way of life. If we’re not doing these things continually, what is expected of us by God, what we committed to at baptism... if we’re not paying attention, taking heed, we can slip, we can let the ball get by us, we can float or we can slip away, or we can fall aside; we can sin, transgress God’s law, or disobey... or we can murmur amongst one another, or we can *fight* one another and we can be unforgiving toward one another, we can push back or we can pull the shoulder. And for the most part it’s a gradual process, almost unnoticed movement away from

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God. Pay attention! Pay attention to your mind, to your attitudes, to your actions throughout your lives continually. It's our duty, it's our responsibility, it's what we've been called to **lest at any time we should let them slip**.

So you might want to just ask yourself... Within the Church of God are your relationships right? Have you slipped in your relationships? Are we not paying attention? Have we lost enthusiasm for the Sabbath? ...or have we forsaken the assembling of ourselves together? It's a gradual process. So think about those things. Think about the enthusiasm that we *need* for this way of life, enthusiasm that we *need* for the Sabbath, the looking forward to it, the putting it *so high* up there in our lives – especially after the kind of weeks that we endure. Not looking forward to the Sabbath day? Not assembling when we have the ability to assemble? Fighting with one another when we're not paying attention?

**Hebrews 2:3 - How shall we escape**, talking about God's judgement. **How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation**; if we're careless, if we're not paying attention? How shall we flee from sin? How shall we escape from sin if we neglect our calling or if we're careless, or not paying attention? ...or if we just don't care? So, think about those things brethren, lest they slip. The little things in your life; paying attention to your mind...what's in your mind, your attitudes, your thoughts, the word that come out of your mouth, your love for one another, your patience with one another... ask God to help you that they not slip.

**Ephesians 6:10 – Finally, my brethren**, here it is again... **be strong in the Lord**, not in yourself, but **strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might**. That's where our strength comes from, yielding to God and His mind and His spirit.

**Verse 11 - Put on the whole armour of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil**. The *whole armour* of God – God's spirit, God dwelling in you, the mind of God, paying attention, doing your part but looking to God for the deliverance and for the strength. **Put on the whole armour of God**, continually.

**Verse 12 - For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places**. It's that battle that Mr. Harrell talks about for your mind, the battle for your mind. And you lose that battle when you're not paying attention, when you're not yielding to God's mind and God's spirit dwelling within you.

**Verse 13 - Wherefore take you the whole armour of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand**. Again, it's a spiritual war and the war is for our very minds, for our being. And what shall we do? *Yield* to God! *Yield* to the mind of God! *Yield* to the spirit of God! And as it says in verse 13 – **having done all**, or continuing in this way of life in all things that we've been discussing; all these things we've been talking about: to continue in them, to be prepared and alert and on fire and enthusiastic, yielding to God and His spirit.

**Ephesians 4:1 - I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you/exhort you that you walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called**, beseeched to walk worth of our calling, responding to God.

**Verse 2 - With all lowliness and meekness**, in humility because it's not about *us* individually, it's about what God is accomplishing through us and in us; **with patience, forbearing one another in love**; it says so much, being patient with one another. And all this is about the Church.

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**Verse 3 - Endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.** Endeavouring is 'to labour, to work, to put forth effort, to be diligent' in our relationships with one another; because there **is only one Body**, as it says in **verse 4 – There is one Body, one spirit, even as you are all called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all** if you're yielding to that process. A life of unity with one another and with God that we've been called to if we allow God's spirit to dwell in us, if we yield to it. We're being reminded that it takes humility, it takes patience, it takes *work*, it takes *effort*... **CATCH** that word before it comes out of your mouth! ...or when it does slip out there to so very quickly apologize and reconcile with your brother... and with your God. Yielding to the process, yielding to God's spirit... paying attention.

**Hebrews 12:1 - Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witness, so great a cloud of witness.** It's in this room, 'the cloud of witness', the crowd of believers. *The crowd of believers* who believe the same thing...and what a witness it is for all of us and how encouraging it is to come here to Georgia and to see this many striving to live God's way of life, enthusiastic to be at Sabbath services, *desiring* to be taught by God. What a beautiful sight! The Church of God – a crowd of believers...to encourage one another. It says, **let us lay aside every weight**, all those things that drag us down all week long; just leave them, drop them at the door, **and the sin which so easily besets us, easily**... but there's a way, there's a way of reconciliation back to the Father and with one another if we'd just do it, if we pay attention, to recognize when we need to do it, when we hurt somebody, when we hurt our relationship with God... to recognize it. So **let us lay aside every weight**, all these things that drag us down, **and the sin which so easily besets us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us**, cause it's a race; time. You just need to keep plugging away, continually yielding to the process.

**Looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest you be wearied and faint in your own minds.** As it says in **verse 4 – the exclamation mark...You have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin!**

**Philippians 2:1 – What shall we do? If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, or any strengthening, any admonition, any encouragement, any salvation... If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfil you My joy, that you be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord and of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than ourselves. Look not every man unto his own things, but every man also onto the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ:** this mind that's described here, of one accord, same love, likeminded – the mind of God; again, yielding to the process, *yielding* to the mind of God, letting it go before, letting it work with you in our relationships with one another.

**Philippians 2: 13 - For it is God which works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.** This is what He wants to do...He wants to be working with us.

**Verse 14 - Do all things without murmurings and disputing:** Be satisfied, go with the flow, acquiesce to others, co-operate, have mercy, have compassion, have love. Allow God's mind to work in you and yield to it.

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**Verse 15 - That you may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom you shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.**

Because we finished the race, because we're working, we're striving, we're retaining, maintaining a healthy relationship with our God and Father, and with one another.

**Hebrews 10:19 - Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the Holiest by the blood of Christ,** we have that freedom, we have that confidence that we can go before the throne of God and repent, to seek forgiveness and to be reconciled because of Jesus Christ, because we crucified Him and He paid the penalty, the death penalty in our stead, to boldly enter the Holiest of Holies, go before God's throne with confidence, seeking atonement.

**Verse 20 - By a new and living way, which He has consecrated for us, through the flesh, that is to say, His flesh; And having a High Priest over the house of God;**

**Verse 22 - Let us draw near,** or approach God in prayer. Approach your God; **draw near with a true heart with full assurance,** with conviction, with confidence, **of faith, in having our hearts sprinkled from the evil consequence (conscience), and our bodies washed with pure water.**

**Verse 23 - Let us hold fast,** again, take hold, take possession of, grab onto it, strive for it. **Hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering;** to be steady, be dependable, be there for one another; **(for He is faithful that promised.)**

**Verse 24 - And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much more, as you see that day approaching.** Again, not only on the Sabbath but definitely on the Sabbath, but exhorting one another, the Church of God, the crowd of witness, those who are striving to live this way of life when you have the opportunity to meet together to encourage one another; just your very being... just by being there is encouraging to one another; and when you're not there it raises doubts, concerns, questions. Communicate with your brethren, love your brethren, be there for one another, be that crowd of witness; **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.** And even the last part of the verse...**and so much more as we see the day approaching.** I think we *feel* the day approaching.

**Matthew 6:6** – What shall we do? After we're called, *dragged* out of this world, we repent, we're baptized, we have the laying on of hands, we receive the holy spirit of God. That's the beginning, that's the down payment. What shall we do? **Matthew 6:6** - How all these things are possible with God's help... it says, **But you, when you pray,** What shall we do? We pray to our God. You pray to your God! And it tells us here how to pray. **Verse 7 – But when you pray,** so we pray to our God; and there's a sermon 'How to Pray' that you can go back and listen to. Here's an outline for prayer right here... but we pray to our God – that's where we get our strength, that's where we have that communication, that's how our mind gels with God's mind and we yield to that process. That's how we pay attention! Because we're spiritually alert, we're aware of what's in our heads and what's about to come out of them.

**Verse 16 - Moreover when you fast,** there are times when we need to go before God's throne fasting. Again, it doesn't say '*if* you fast', it says **when you fast...** those times in your life when you *really need* to get close to God, you've got some trial you're going through – you get close to God. Why? To build a **What Shall We Do?**

relationship; not to get anything... but to build a relationship with your Father in heaven. **When you fast...** So what are we to do? We're to pray, we're to fast, we're to have a relationship with our God, building a long, everlasting relationship.

**Acts 2:37 - Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their hearts, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the holy spirit. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this ugly generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and that same day were added unto them about three thousand souls.**

What shall we do? **Verse 42 - And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.**

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