

Be An Encouragement

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Romans 1:12 *“that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.”*

While reflecting on the challenging situation of being temporarily prohibited to assemble, I can place myself in Paul's shoes when he wrote these words. And more than ever do we cherish the blessing that is: **FELLOWSHIP**.

That I may be encouraged... - He sought the communion of saints; he expected to be himself edified and strengthened and to be comforted by seeing their strength of faith, and their rapid growth in grace.

He goes on to explain that there would be **a mutual blessing**. He would **be encouraged** by their **faith**, and they by his. In all edifying societies, there is spiritual enrichment. *"As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend"* (**Pro 27:17**). Note Paul's humility and graciousness - he was not above being helped by other saints.

We may remark here, that one effect of Christianity is to produce the desire of the communion of fellow saints. It is the nature of Christianity to seek the society of those who are the friends of Christ.

Nothing is better suited to produce growth in grace than such communion. Every Believer should have one or more Christian friends to whom he or she may unburden themselves. When we come together in fellowship, in one accord, with brotherly love, we are strengthened morally and Spiritually. During these short times that we cannot see each other face to face, be an encouragement to someone who might need the love of Christ shown to them - in a manner that is responsible and compliant. Be the blessing that the Lord has made you be!

In His service,
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