

CAN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY BE GOOD FOR YOU, ME AND EVERYONE ELSE?

3 MARCH 2021



INTRODUCTION

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PART 1: PRINCIPLES

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WHAT IS GOOD FOR US?

CHASE KUHN



The rubbish we hear (and sometimes believe!)

Selfishness and the dissolution of community

“[T]he dark side of individualism is a centring on the self, which both flattens and narrows our lives, makes them poorer in meaning, and less concerned with others or society.”

CHARLES TAYLOR

Sharing a common love

“[A] people is an assemblage of
reasonable beings bound together by
a common agreement as to the objects of
their love ... in order to discover the character of
any people, we have only to observe what they love. ...
it will be a superior people in proportion as it
is bound together by higher interests,
inferior as in proportion as it is bound
together by lower.”

AUGUSTINE

The good for all

OUR NEED FOR ONE ANOTHER (1 CORINTHIANS 12)

PAUL GRIMMOND



**Membership in Christ is membership in the body
(our faulty application of grace)**

You can't opt out, and you can't excise the other

The value of shared experience

Commitment to life in the body

“You cannot have God as your Father unless
you have the church for your *Mother*.”

CYPRIAN

“But because it is now our intention
to discuss the visible church, let us learn even
from the simple title ‘mother’ how useful, indeed how
necessary, it is that we should know her. For there is no
other way to enter into life unless this mother conceive
us in her womb, give us birth, nourish us at her breast,
and lastly, unless she keep us under her care and
guidance until, putting off mortal flesh,
we become like the angels.”

CALVIN

PART 2: PRACTICALITIES

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Failure in community

Getting over our selves

Importance and significance

Questions for community members

Boundaries in gospel community

The gift of others

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Speaker: David Williams

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A biblical look at homogenous approaches in the local church.





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PART 3: Q&A

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