

Assembling Together Is An Essential Activity

I. Introduction:

- A. Our government denies the essentiality of the assembling of the saints because the world doesn't get it (**Hosea 8:11-12** and **I Corinthians 2:14**).
- B. Doing God's will is essential [*absolutely necessary; extremely important*] (**Luke 6:46**, **Luke 11:28**, **Colossians 1:10**, and **I Thessalonians 4:1-2**).
 - 1. What is necessary (**Titus 3:8; 14**)?
 - 2. Even if the authorities of this world say otherwise (**Acts 4:8-20; 5:26-29**).
 - 3. Doing the will of God is essential for salvation (**I John 2:15-17**).

II. Body: We Must Continue To Come Together Even Under Distress (**John 20:19**, **Acts 4:19-23**, and **Hebrews 10:22-25**).

- A. Collective worship is essential (**Acts 2:42; 20:7**).
 - 1. Communion [joint participation; fellowship] is collective (**I Corinthians 10:16-17**).
 - 2. Worship TOGETHER is necessary for various reasons (**I Corinthians 11:33**, **Ephesians 4:16**, **Colossians 3:16**, etc.).
- B. Even in the face of danger, being together is essential (**Acts 12:1-19** and **Acts 14:19-28**).
 - 1. In addition to worship (**I Thessalonians 5:11-14**).
 - 2. Our service to God includes edifying one another (**Romans 14:19**).
 - 3. We should desire to see one another (**I Thessalonians 2:17**).
- C. Even Heaven will be about us being together (**II Thessalonians 2:1**).
 - 1. With each other and our Lord (**I Thessalonians 4:13-18; 5:10**).
 - 2. Like Jesus, we should want to be where the saints are (**John 12:26** and **John 14:1-3**).

III. Conclusion: Let's continue to stand TOGETHER (**Philippians 1:27**).