



## Seeing the Beauty of the Bride

The Bride of Christ is beautiful because it reflects the groom.

Acts 2:42 (NIV)

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

When we see the church through a gospel lens:

- We see it as something worth being a part of.
- We see the gathering of it as necessary and life giving.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

- We see the beauty and the sharpening of the fellowship.

Ephesians 4:2 (NIV)

*Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.*

- We see prayer as the brick and mortar.

Acts 2:43 (NIV)

*Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.*

- We see it as a conduit of the Spirit of God.

Acts 2:44-47 (NIV)

*All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

- We see it as something that brings us to awe.