

## Man, the Social Creature

**Genesis 2:18**      **“And the LORD God said, *It is not good that the man should be alone...*”**

- God made man a social creature.
- We are made to live in fellowship with God and with others.
- Isolation and separation from others is painful and miserable for any man or woman.

**Acts 2:41, 47**      **“The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”**

- The saved man or woman were not saved to spend their days in isolation, but to be in fellowship with other saved people.
  - This is God’s design; that we be in communion with Him and with others.

**1 Cor 12:13-19**      **“For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body...”**

**“For the body is not one member, but many.”**

- When God saves individuals, He immediately joins them to all other saved individuals.

**1 Thess 4:14-17**      **“For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again... the dead in Christ shall rise first: <sup>17</sup> Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air.”**

- Just as your salvation is not an individual thing, your rapture is not an individual thing. All believers will go up with you. We are not a solitary creature.

**John 14:16, 18**      Jesus gave us **“another Comforter”** to abide with us forever. He promised not to leave us comfortless.

- The Lord does not want us to be without the fellowship of the Godhead.

**1 Cor 3:1-5**      Paul spoke of these Corinthian believers as being **“carnal”** because they were dividing themselves into separate groups **“I am of Paul,” “I am of Apollos...”**

**Isaiah 59:1-3**      Iniquities and sins separate a man from God.

- God wants to fellowship with you, but He can’t because your sins cause separation.
- Hell doesn’t separate a man from God. Sin separates a man from God. The separated man will end up in hell (Luke 16:22-31).
  - He will be in torments.
  - He will be alone.
  - He will desire someone to come be with him, but no one will come (Luke 16:24).

- People don't notice that they are separated from God because they are surrounded by family, friends, and strangers. They don't feel alone.
  - But in hell, you won't have God, family, friends, or strangers for company.

**Ephesians 2:8-12** Before we were saved, we “**were without Christ...and without God in the world.**”

- Sin separated us from God.
  - You may have had a mother, a father, or friends to fill in the gaps, but you didn't have God.
    - In the world, you may not notice that you don't have God because you've got friends.
    - In hell you will realize that you don't have God—because you've got no one to fill in the gaps.

**John 17:1-5** Jesus prayed to the Father and revealed that He had been with the father “**before the world was.**” (vs 5).

- Jesus Christ had never experienced separation from His Father in heaven.

**Mark 15:33-34** “**My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**”

- As soon as our sin was placed on Jesus Christ, for the first time ever, He was separated from God.
  - He was alone in the world without hope and without God.
  - He was separated from His Father in the darkness of His wrath, suffering for our sin.
  - When He cried for help, no help came.
  - Jesus suffered everything you would suffer if you were to go to hell.

**Hebrews 13:1-5** Here are several examples of the believer's fellowship with others.

- **Brotherly love:** fellowship with others. (vs 1)
- **Entertain strangers:** fellowship with people you don't know. (vs 2).
- **Remember them that are in bonds:** fellowship with people who are isolated from society. (vs 3)
- **Marriage is honourable in all:** a union of two people. (vs 4)
  - These relationships might fail. These people might let you down.
- **He hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.** (vs 5)
  - The believer will never be alone in the world without hope and without God.
  - The believer will never be in hell, alone and without God.
  - The Son of God was forsaken—so that I will never be forsaken or left alone.