

Volume 3 The Prophetic Books Malachi 3:16

"Then they that feared the LORD spoke often one to another..." Malachi 3:16

It is excited conversation!!!

While it may hold theological issues it is more about a Person than about a doctrine. It is animated conversation; animated because the focus of the discussion is not a set of religious ethics but rather about the Author of Life Himself – and He is present. It is passionate conversation. Passionate because it is about a personal Friend and Saviour; One Who has given Himself so that we might know and experience His true life in overflow and abundance!

Christian "kononia" is fellowship on a deeper level that most relationships for it always attracts the attention of the One in discussion. "For where two or three gather together in My name; I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20). Such is the reality of His presence in our midst – believers for centuries and yet still today, risk their lives and fortunes to gather in His name and so congregating, they may corporately and personally know Him in the midst of the fellowship of the saints!

"God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints..." (Psalm 89:7).

It is an indicator of the life of a church assembly – not the numbers that attend, but the way, the excitement, the love exchanged between them as they gather in His name! It is a good thing to watch either before or after a gathering of believers. Take a few moments at the next gathering of the fellowship and just watch. You'll be blessed.

Consciously be aware of Christ's promise to be present with you the next time you meet with fellow Christians! Activate your faith. Raise your expectancy. Look for Jesus to show up!

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