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GATHERING TOGETHER

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The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.
Gen49:10



Greetings.

For some reason, the words 'gathering together', or assembling have been passing through my mind for some weeks. I think this may be God trying to teach me something. Over the last two years, with help and encouragement I have started down a pathway to form an underground church in the country I now live in.

To do this there will be a need to 'gather together' with various people at some point. So, I wanted to study what the Bible actually says about gathering, scattering and assembling and see if we can find God's heart about it all.

The desire in my heart is to gather together some of God's people for a purpose, in this case to work together in some real practical and spiritual form and prepare for days of unparalleled persecution.

Well, when I began to study

the Word of God, as usual I was delighted to find ample proof that God also desires people to assemble together.



So, I am going to list a number of verses and then pose some comments at the end about this topic.

VERSES ABOUT GATHERING TOGETHER OR ASSEMBLING

The verse at the top of this page refers in prophecy to the Messiah, Jesus Christ and says that people will be gathered together to Him.

Old Testament

Genesis 1:10

And God called the dry land

Earth; and the **gathering** together of the waters called He Seas: and God saw that it was good. God seems in the business of gathering and separating from the very beginning.

Joshua 20:1 Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan even to Beersheba, with the land of Gilead, unto the LORD in Mizpeh.

24:1 And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God.

(Moses and then Joshua, frequently gathered the people to them to exhort or tell them new information)

1 Kings 8 Then Solomon assembled the elders of

Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.

2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month.



Of course, Ezekiel chapter 34 contains an abundance of rebuke and exhortation about finding God's sheep and bringing them together. And note that the alternative to gathering God's people is having them scattered! So if you are not gathering them you are scattering them.

Ezekiel 34: 4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye **brought again** that which was driven away, **neither** have ye **sought** that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

5 And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

6 My sheep wandered through

all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was **scattered** upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.

12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. (So we can see that it is God's will to gather His sheep together).

13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land,

New testament

In John 12:32 Jesus said, 'and I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.'

Hebrews 10: 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

2 Thessalonians 2:1

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

Matthew 18:20

For where two or three are **gathered** together in **my name**, there am I in the midst of them.

1 Corinthians 5:4

In the **name** of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are **gathered**

together, and **my** spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Acts 13: 2 As they ministered to the Lord, (Together) and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

ACTS 2 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. **(They were gathered together in obedience to Jesus' command to 'wait in Jerusalem)**

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Romans 16: 5 Likewise greet the church that is in their house.

Closing:

The church is beginning to go underground. The structure that has held Christianity together for 2,000 years will probably soon disintegrate,

but there will still be a need for several important things:

1. The need to gather together or assemble with like-minded believers.
2. Godly sacrificial and servant leaders and 'pastors' in the true sense of the Word.
3. Sacrifice and desire to meet together.

Ask the Lord this week, who He has for you to fellowship with. Ask Him to make you like-minded with the Word of God and with others. Pray to be like-minded or become like-minded. Ask the Lord for things you can agree on and work together about that are based on Scripture. For example, praise, songs, evangelism, proclaiming the Gospel together etc.

Other points:

Noah gathered his family into the ark

Moses gathered the children of Israel

Jesus gathered his twelve disciples

Daniel gathered his friends to fast and pray

Recommended books:

The Heavenly Man Brother Yun

Be ye prepared Pastor Carl Gallups

British Christians and the Coming Civil War! Jerry Finch

[We Are Gathering Together Unto Him - YouTube](#) a song (quite slow for some of you more modern people maybe, but some may enjoy this!)

[Underground Churches in China\(No Bible & missionaries\)Rare Video Clip \(Subtitle @ CC\) - YouTube](#) you can learn something from this gathering together!

[You Hold It All Together -](#)



[Maverick City Music x UPPERROOM - YouTube](#) young people's version of gathering together.

[Hang On - GEI \(UFWC Youth Choir\) - United Fellowship WC - YouTube](#) for my lovely Afro-Caribbean friends!

[Hang On - GEI \(UFWC Youth Choir\) - United Fellowship WC - YouTube](#) North East India Manipuri Christians Young people

1 care not what church you belong to,
So long as for Calvary you stand,
And today if your heart is as my heart,
You're my brother (sister)
So give me your hand.



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