

# Faith 101: Christian Community

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## Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

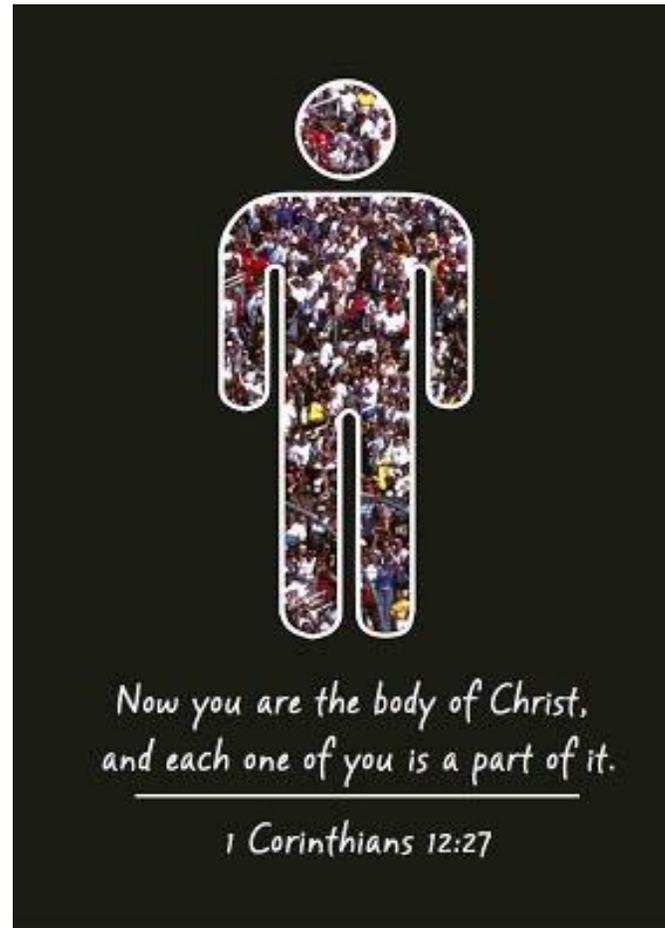
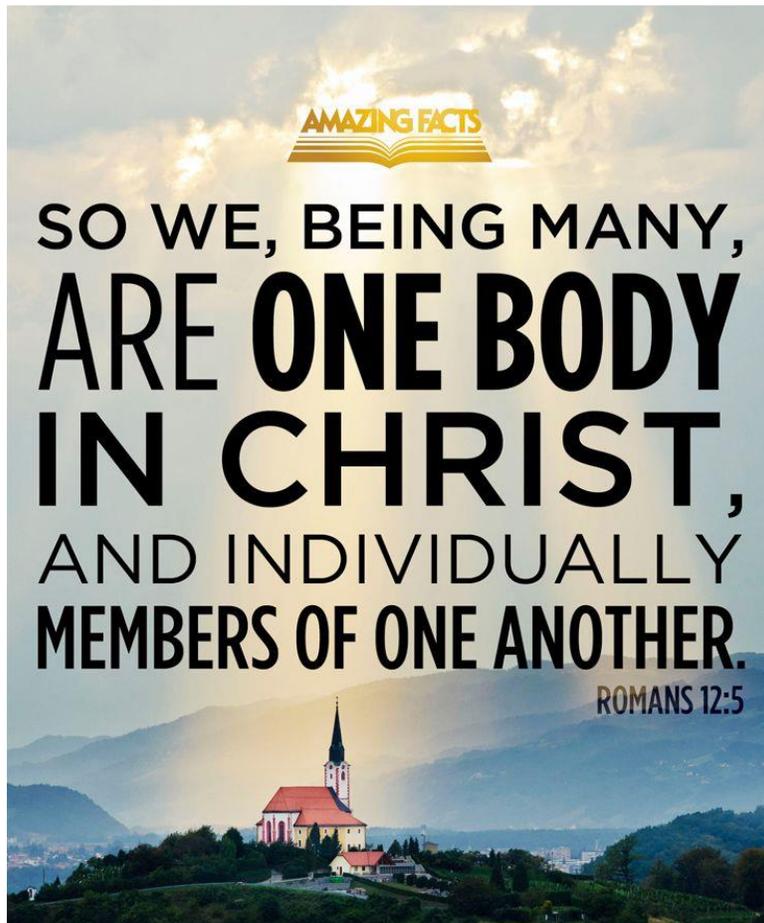
# Koinonia

- ▶ Fellowship, sharing in community, communion
- ▶ Loving and trusting community
- ▶ “Intimate spiritual communion and participative sharing in a common religious commitment and spiritual community”
- ▶ Reflective of relational Triune God



# Body of Christ

Christ as the head of the church body - all of us are members



## Each has a special role

<sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”... But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

1 Corinthians 12

# Community Unity

THEREFORE, AS GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE, HOLY AND  
DEARLY LOVED, CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH  
**COMPASSION, KINDNESS, HUMILITY  
GENTLENESS & PATIENCE**

BEAR WITH EACH OTHER AND FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER  
IF ANY OF YOU HAS A GRIEVANCE AGAINST SOMEONE  
**FORGIVE AS THE LORD FORGAVE YOU**

AND OVER ALL THESE VIRTUES

**PUT ON LOVE**

WHICH BINDS THEM ALL TOGETHER IN PERFECT UNITY

**LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
RULE IN YOUR HEARTS**

SINCE AS MEMBERS OF ONE BODY YOU WERE CALLED TO PEACE  
AND BE THANKFUL .....

COLOSSIANS 3:12-15  
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# Community Encouragement

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

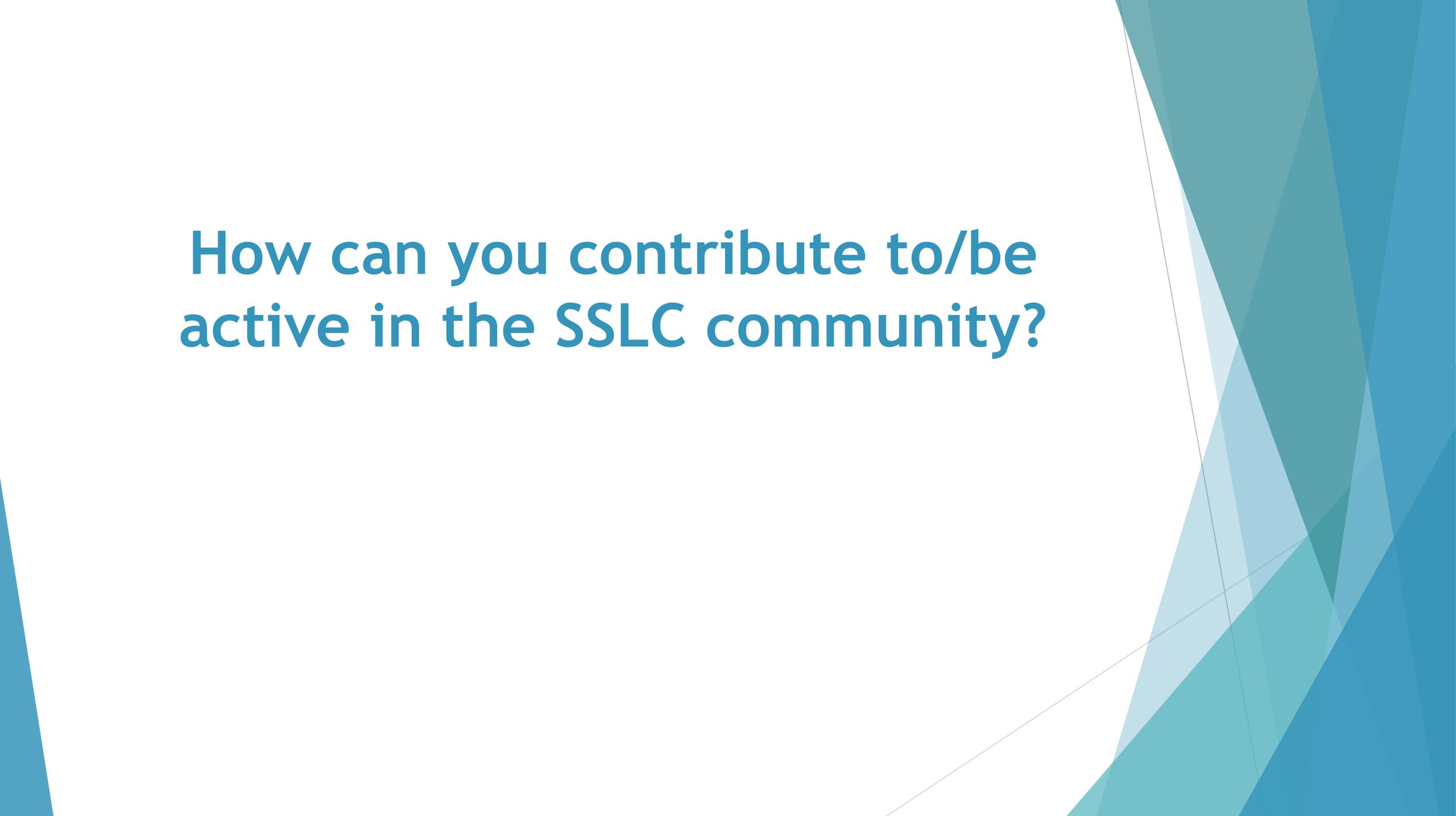
*Hebrews 12:1-2*



**How is Christian Community  
expressed at SSLC?**



**How can you contribute to/be  
active in the SSLC community?**



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active in the SSLC community?**

**What stands in your/our way?**