

Coming Together



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“I give you a new
commandment,
that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you,
you also should love
one another.”

(JOHN 13:34)

“The Church is called to be a sign in
and for the world of the new reality
which God has made available
to people in Jesus Christ.

The new reality
revealed in Jesus Christ
is the new humanity,
a new creation, a new beginning
for human life in the world:

Sin is forgiven;
reconciliation is accomplished;
the dividing walls of hostility
are torn down.

The Church is the body of Christ,
both in its corporate life and in the
lives of its individual members,
and is called to give shape and
substance to this truth.”

(G-3.0200)

Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman (W-4.9001), or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament.”

(G-6.0106b)

“There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”

(Galatians 3:28)



“I still have many things to say to you,
but you cannot bear them now.

When the Spirit of truth comes,
he will guide you into all the truth...”

(John 16:12-13)

The voice said to Peter again,
a second time,
“What God has made clean,
you must not call profane.”
(Acts 10:15)

“Any interpretation of Scripture
is wrong that separates
or sets in opposition
love for God and love for fellow
human beings.”

*(“The Presbyterian Understanding and Use of Holy
Scripture,” adopted by the 123rd General Assembly (1983)
of the Presbyterian Church in the United States)*



“All synods or councils
since the apostles’ times,
whether general or particular, may err,
and many have erred;
therefore they are not to be made the
rule of faith and practice, but to be
used as a help in both.”

(Westminster Confession 6.175)

“...we think it necessary to make effectual provision that all who are admitted as teachers be sound in the faith, we also believe that there are truths and forms with respect to which men of good characters and principles may differ.

And in all these we think it the duty both of private Christians and societies to exercise mutual forbearance toward each other.”

(G-1.0305)

That “God alone is Lord of the conscience, and hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are in anything contrary to his Word, or beside it, in matters of faith or worship.”

(G-1.0301 (1)a)

We ought to embrace the whole human race
without exception in a single feeling of love;
here there is no distinction between
barbarian and Greek,
worthy and unworthy, friend and enemy,
since all should be contemplated in God,
not in themselves.

When we turn aside from such
contemplation, it is no wonder we become
entangled in many errors.

(John Calvin, *Institutes II, viii, 55*)



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