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1. Fellowship of the First Century
   1. Greek word - Koinoia
   2. Notice, they were together **daily** (Gal 6:2)!
   3. Not only did they spend time with one another, they also gave to each other as was needed [[1]](#footnote-1)
   4. It seems that some churches were very quickly moved from the “traditions” of this first body (e.g Corinth)
   5. If we are honest, are we like the earliest example of the church in this sense? (Hos 6:6)
2. The Doctrine of the First Century
   1. Paul summed the first century in Eph 4:1 (Eph 1:22-23; 1 Cor 15; 1 Pet 3:21)
   2. We need to be on the same page in regards to doctrine - perhaps especially the doctrine which Paul lay out here (2 Tim 2:15; Acts 17:11; Gal 1:6)
3. The History of Christendom
   1. When we look back at Christendom and its evolution throughout the centuries, we can find clear departures from God’s word
   2. For example - perhaps the first departure was in organization (Titus 1:5, 1 Tim 5).
   3. Point is somewhere along the way, we especially lost the brotherly love which Luke expressed in the first century church.

# References

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1. we who valued above all things the acquisition of wealth and possessions, now bring what we have into a common stock, and communicate to every one in need; [↑](#footnote-ref-1)