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But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. (Psalm 47 : 6–7)

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What is Edification?

Why do we assemble? One may say we are commanded to, and they would be right. One may say to worship our God, and they would be right. One may even be specific and say to partake of the Lord's Supper, and they would be right.

So, why do we assemble? How far down the list would be, *so we may edify one another*? Are you edified by assembling with your brethren? You should be.

So what does edification mean? Simply put, most would say to build up or strengthen, and they would be right. But how is it done? That may be a tougher question to answer.

What is edification good for, or better yet, how important is it? Edification is more important than you may think. I know this because without it, you feel empty. Jesus taught us that if one were to *hunger and thirst for righteousness* one would be filled.

When you leave the assembly do you feel satisfied with being here? If so, you have been edified. Have you ever left feeling *short-changed*, it was because you weren't edified.

The opposite of edification is divisiveness, we will discuss this next week. Today, we discuss what it means to be built up, how it's done, and what it looks like. Have you been edified lately?

What is Edification?

- * Edify, Edification, Edifying
 - To instruct or teach (someone) improving them morally or spiritually
- * Romans 14 : 19
 - Pursue peace—Edify another
- * I Thessalonians 5 : 11
 - Comfort each other—Edify one another
- * Ephesians 4 : 11–12, 16
 - For Equipping—For Edifying— In Love
- * I Corinthians 12 : 18, 24–25
 - To have the same care for one another
- * Hebrews 10 : 24–25
 - Consider—Stir up love and good works—Exhort
- * How is edification done?
 - Harmony, calling near, fully furnishing, care, consideration, benevolence and affection
- * How does edification work?
 - Edification works when you count others more than you.
- * What does edification look like?
 - Edification looks like you strengthening, supporting, your brethren.