

**The Redeemed Christian Church of God  
Open Heavens Assembly, Johannesburg**

**Digging Deep**

**CHRISTIANITY AND SOCIALISATION**

**Texts:** 1 Cor 6: 12-13, Phil 4:5

**INTRODUCTION**

To socialise simply means ‘to talk to and do things with other people in a friendly way’. There are various ways of socialising , ranging from relating with people in the immediate environment, to getting involved in governance and community development activities. Christian socialisation cuts across many levels of human interactions; whilst there are various opinions on how much a Christian should socialise; it should be noted that ‘Moderation’ should be the watch word.

**A. EXAMPLES OF SOCIALISATION**

1. Jesus Christ and His disciples attending a wedding ceremony at Cana in Galilee. Jhn 2: 1-2, Lk 19: 5-7, Lk 10: 38-42. Jesus also visited the family of Lazarus to console them and support them. Jhn 11: 33-35.
2. Jesus and His disciples also participated in the Passover Feast. Mk. 14: 12-14.
3. Daniel was involved in political administration in his days. Dan. 1: 18-21, 6: 1-3.
4. Apostle Paul interacted with diverse classes of people for the sake of the gospel, but his salvation stand was firm and clear to all. 1 Cor. 9: 19-23; 24-27.

**B. BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES VERSUS WORDLY PERSPECTIVES**

1. Christians cannot live in isolation in this present world. However, we must know when and how to draw the line. 1 Cor. 10: 20 -22, 27-28. 1 Tim 4:8. 1 Cor. 6:18.
2. Modernised carnivals with satanic undertones and places should be avoided. 1 Cor. 8: 9-13, 1 Tim 6:11.
3. Watching of immoral movies, listening to ungodly songs and wearing seductive apparels in the name of socialisation are things Christians should avoid. Phil 4: 5, 1 Cor. 8: 8-11.
4. While getting involved in secular activities, Christians should watch out for and abstain from anything that can make them compromise their faith. Phil 4: 8, 1 Cor. 10: 14, 1 Thess 5:22.

**CONCLUSION**

As children of God, whatever we do to socialise should be to glorify God and to edify the saints. Christians are to show moderation in social interactions. 1 Cor. 10: 31-32.