

## Herd Immunity Part 2: Herd Benefits

**Herd immunity** – occurs when a large portion of a community (the herd) becomes **immune** to a disease, making the spread of disease from person to person unlikely. As a result, the whole community becomes **protected** – not just those who are immune.

**Spiritual Herd Immunity** – when a large portion of a community (the herd) becomes like **Jesus Christ**, making the spread of pride, sin and hatred less likely. As a result, the whole community is **loved and protected** with grace and truth.

*“While knowledge makes us feel important, **it is love that strengthens the church**. Anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn’t really know very much. But the person who **loves God** is the one whom God recognizes.” 1 Corinthians 8:1-3 NLT*

Without a **current voice** we feel **unwanted** and **unimportant**.

Without a **certain view** we seem **uninterested** and **intolerant**.

### ✓ Historical

*“Remember our **history**, friends, and be warned. All our **ancestors** were led by the providential Cloud and taken miraculously through the Sea... But just experiencing God’s wonder and grace didn’t seem to mean much—most of them were defeated by temptation during the hard times in the desert, and God was not pleased.” 1 Corinthians 10:1-5 MSG*

*“**Stand up** in the presence of the elderly, and **show respect** for the aged. Fear your God. I am the Lord.” Leviticus 19:32 NLT*

### ✓ Young

*“Don’t let anyone think less of you because you are **young**. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12 NLT*

*“The glory of the young is their **strength**; the gray hair of **experience** is the splendor of the old.” Proverbs 20:29 NLT*

### ✓ Diverse

*“Do not take advantage of **foreigners** who live among you in your land. Treat them like **native-born** Israelites, and love them as you love yourself. Remember that **you were once foreigners** living in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.” Leviticus 19:33-34 NLT*

### ✓ Wise

*“**Become wise by walking with the wise**; hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces.” Proverbs 13:20 MSG*

"The Lord looks down from heaven on the entire human race; he looks to see if anyone is **truly wise**, if anyone **seeks God**." Psalms 14:2 NLT

## ✓ Biblical

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is **true** and to make us realize what is **wrong** in our lives. It corrects us when we are **wrong** and teaches us to do what is **right**. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT

"Yes, I try to find **common ground** with everyone, doing everything I can to save some."  
1 Corinthians 9:22b NLT

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to **do justice**, to **love mercy**, and to **walk humbly** with your God?" Micah 6:8-9 NASB

### 1. Do justice.

Justice is the **quality of being** just; righteousness, equitableness, or moral rightness.

"The Lord detests the use of **dishonest scales**, but he delights in accurate weights." Proverbs 11:1 NLT

"Look at my Servant, whom I have chosen. He is my Beloved, who pleases me. I will put my Spirit upon him, and **he will proclaim justice** to the nations. He will not fight or shout or raise his voice in public. He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle. Finally **he will cause justice to be victorious**. And his name will be the hope of all the world." Matthew 12:18-21 NLT

### 2. Love mercy.

Mercy is giving someone **better** when they deserve **worse**.

"For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. **Mercy triumphs over judgment**."  
James 2:13 NKJV

### 3. Walk humbly.

"Pride leads to **disgrace**, but with humility comes wisdom." Proverbs 11:2 NLT

"Pride leads to **conflict**; those who take advice are wise." Proverbs 13:10 NLT

"Pride goes before **destruction**, and haughtiness before a fall." Proverbs 16:18 NLT

Humility isn't thinking **less of yourself** it's thinking of **yourself less**.