

Fellowship (Acts 2.42; 1 John 1.3; 2 Corinthians 13.14)

Literally means to share in common

Describes our relationship with:

- God the Father
- Jesus Christ the Son
- The Holy Spirit
- The Apostles
- Other Christians

Fellowship with God:

1. 1 Cor. 1.9 – called into fellowship with God through His Son
2. John 17.20-21 – Jesus prayed for all who believe to be united in Him in God
3. Thus requires being in His Son:
 - a. Galatians 3.27
 - b. Romans 6.3-4
 - c. 1 Corinthians 3.16 – This person shares in the Spirit of God
 - d. 1 Corinthians 10.16 – Gives right to partake of body and blood of Christ in LS
4. Requires staying in the Son:
 - a. 1 John 1.6-7
 - b. John 15.4 – Otherwise cast out
 - c. John 15.10 – means keeping His commandments
5. Involves sharing in the sufferings of the Son:
 - a. Philippians 3.10 – fellowship of His sufferings
 - b. Matthew 16.24 – deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me
 - c. Galatians 16.24 – Paul was crucified to the world and the world to him in Christ

Fellowship with the Apostles:

1. Acts 2.42
2. 1 John 1.3

Fellowship with Saints:

1. Acts 2.42; 1 John 1.3
2. Ephesians 3.9 – fellowship of the mystery; all in Christ, Jew and Gentile
3. Romans 12.5 – though many, one body and members of one another
4. Hebrews 13.16 – not to forget to do good and share...called a “sacrifice”
5. 2 Corinthians 8.4 – the collection for the saints called a fellowship
6. Philippians 1.4-5 – Paul enjoyed fellowship of Philippians in preaching the gospel

What this Fellowship is NOT;

1. Fellowship with sins of this world:
 - a. 2 Corinthians 6.14 – not fellowship with sinners, lawlessness, and darkness
 - b. Ephesians 5.11 – refrain from works of darkness and even expose them
2. Fellowship in the sense some use it – 1 Corinthians 11.22 (not common meals in our assemblies)

This Fellowship the most important of all our relationships because it connects us with God.

(Psa 94:20 NKJV) Shall the throne of iniquity, which devises evil by law, Have fellowship with You?

(Acts 2:42 NKJV) And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

(1 Cor 1:9 NKJV) God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

(1 Cor 10:20 NKJV) Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.

(2 Cor 6:14 NKJV) Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

(2 Cor 8:4 NKJV) imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

(Gal 2:9 NKJV) and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

(Eph 3:9 NKJV) and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;

(Eph 5:11 NKJV) And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

(Phil 1:5 NKJV) for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,

(Phil 2:1 NKJV) Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,

(Phil 3:10 NKJV) that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

(1 John 1:3 NKJV) that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

(1 John 1:6-7 NKJV) If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. {7} But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

(1 Cor 10:16 KJV) The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

(2 Cor 13:14 NKJV) The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

(Heb 13:16 NKJV) But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.