

# We Have Fellowship With the Father, Jesus, and Believers

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"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of **the Word of Life (Jesus)**; for the **Life** was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that **Eternal Life**, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us. That which we have seen and heard we declare unto you, so that **you also may have fellowship with us**; and **truly our Fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ**. And these things we write unto you, so that your joy may be full." (1 John 1:1-4)

**Fellowship:** from the Greek word *koinonia* which means: fellowship, communion, the coming and assembling together in a proactive, Spirit empowered, loving association with people who are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ; accompanied with the promise of fellowship with the Father, and with Jesus, and with the Holy Spirit.

## The presence of Christ Jesus within the fellowship of believers:

Jesus said, "Again I say unto you: that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father who is in Heaven. For where two or three **are gathered together in My name (in fellowship), there I am in the midst of them.**" (Matthew 18:18-20)

"I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you **in Jesus Christ**; so that in every thing you are enriched **in Him**, in all utterance, and all knowledge; even as the testimony of **Christ** was confirmed in you; so that you lack in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall also confirm you unto the end, so that you may be **blameless** in the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, through **whom you were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.**" (1 Corinthians 1:4-9)

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your **fellowship in the Good-news (in the Gospel of Jesus Christ)** from **the first day** until now; being confident of this very thing, that **He** who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:3-6)

## The presence of the Holy Spirit within the fellowship of believers:

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where **they were assembled together**; and **they** were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. And the multitude of them who believed **were of one heart and of one soul**; neither said any of them that any of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common." (Acts 4:31-32)

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints salute you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and **the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit**, be with you all. Amen." (2 Corinthians 13:11-14)

## Communal Prayer is a vital part of fellowship in the lives of believers in Jesus:

"And when Peter was come to himself, he said, 'Now I know of for sure, that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews. And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.'" (Acts 12:11-12)

"And with many other words did he (Peter) testify and exhort, saying, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation. Then those who gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all who believed were together, and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the Temple, and breaking bread **from house to house**, did eat their food with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people." (Acts 2:40-47)

### The Mystery of fellowship between Jews and gentiles was fulfilled in Jesus Christ:

"For through **Him (Jesus)** we (Jews and Gentiles) both have access **in one Spirit** unto the Father. Therefore, you (Gentiles) are now no longer strangers and foreigners, but **fellow-citizens** with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ Himself** being the Chief Cornerstone; **in whom all the building fitly framed together** grows into a Holy Temple **in the Lord**; in whom you also are **built together** for a dwelling-place of God through the Spirit." (Ephesians 2:18-22)

"He made known unto me the mystery; as I wrote before in few words, by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ; which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit: **that the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs**, and of the same body, and partakers of His promise **in Christ** through the Good-News; of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of His power. Unto me, who is less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery (Gentiles & Jews having common fellowship **together, and with the Father and Son Jesus**), which from the beginning of the world has been hidden in God, who created all things through Jesus Christ;" (Ephesians 3:3-9)

### Guidelines for Fellowship:

"If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, **if any fellowship of the Spirit**, if any affections and mercies, fulfill you my joy, that you be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem another better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. **Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus**; who, existing in the form of God, thought it not robbery **to be equal with God**: but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:1-8)

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for He is faithful who promised. And let us consider one another to stir-up unto love and to good works; **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together (in fellowship)**, as is the manner (or habit) of some; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as you see the Day (of the Lord) approaching." (Hebrews 10:22-25)

## Warnings about ungodly fellowship:

"This then is the message which we have heard from **Him (from Jesus)**, and declare unto you, that God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have **fellowship with Him**, and walk in darkness, **we lie**, and do (practice) not the truth. But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, **we have fellowship one with another**, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:5-7)

"Be you not **unequally yoked together with unbelievers**: for what participation (*metoche*) has righteousness with unrighteousness? And what **fellowship (koinonia)** has light with darkness? And what concord has Christ with Belial (satan)? Or what part has he who believes with an infidel? And what agreement has the Temple (believers) of God with idols? For you are the Temple of the living God; as God has said, **I will dwell in them, and walk in them**; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore, come out from among them, and be you separate, says the Lord." (2 Corinthians 6:14-17)

"God is faithful, through whom you were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now I beseech you, brethren, through the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that you be **perfectly joined together** (in fellowship) in the same mind and in the same judgment." (1 Corinthians 1:9-10)

"For you were once darkness, but now you are Light **in the Lord (Jesus)**. Walk as children of Light; for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth; proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And do not have fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness." (Ephesians 5:8-11)

## Finally, please consider the following:

"Therefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. I speak as to wise men; judge you what I say. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the fellowship (koinonia) of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the fellowship (koinonia) of the Body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body; for we are all partakers of that One Bread (the body of Christ Jesus)." (1 Corinthians 10:14-17)

## Our Fellowship Is With the Father, and Jesus, and Believers

God the Father called us to the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord !!  
Whenever believers gather together in Jesus Name, He is in their Midst !!  
The Fellowship of the Holy Spirit is with all believers !!

And what Fellowship has Light with darkness? None at all !!

Thank You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for our Fellowship with and in You !!!  
Thank You also for our Spirit powered loving Fellowship with our fellow saints !!  
An please keep us from being unequally yoked together with unbelievers !

You are Light! Keep us walking in Your Light !  
You are our Life! Keep us abiding in Your Eternal Life !

Truly Truly! Always and Always! Amen and Amen !!