

In Him We Have Fellowship

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"I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you in Jesus Christ; that in every thing you are enriched in Him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you; so that you come short 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)

"**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 what we have seen and heard we declare unto you, so that you also may have fellowship with us (fellow believers): **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. This then is the message which we have heard from Him, 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 (yet) walk in darkness, we lie, and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, **we have fellowship one with another** (God with us, and us with God), and the blood of Jesus Christ **His Son** cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:1-7)

God: from the Greek word **Theos** which means: God; in context: **through God the Father** we were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. When we abide in Jesus Christ; and walk in the Light; then truly our fellowship will be with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

You Were Called: from the Greek word **eklethete** which means: you-were-called; referring to believers in Jesus who obeyed God's call unto salvation through Jesus; just as Jesus Himself called people unto Himself:

"**Come unto Me** all you who labor, and are heavy laden and you will find rest. Take **My** yoke upon you, and learn from Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

Fellowship: from the Greek words **koinonian** which means: fellowship, communion, participation, sharing; characterized by well meaning, loving, kindhearted, benevolent association. In context: the kind of fellowship that can only be had in Christ Jesus: and includes fellowship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and with fellow Christian believers. Christian fellowship is also associated with prayer, teaching of the word, and sharing communal meals together; as it says:

"Then those who gladly received his word (Peter's first sermon on salvation through the Lord Jesus) were baptized: and that same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching, 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 meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people." (Acts 2:41-47)

With: from the Greek word **meta** which means: with; implying accompaniment as a result of some previous action; less intimate than in, and less close than beside; but more close to unto; looks towards the after-effect or result. In context: after walking actively in the Light, we have, or will have, fellowship with the Father and with Jesus, and with fellow believers.

His Son: from the Greek words *Huiou autou* which mean: son of-him; or His Son; Jesus the Son of God the Father: in whom we have Christian fellowship: Jesus Christ our Lord!

Spiritual concepts of Christian fellowship in Christ Jesus:

"Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial (a name of satan)? Or what part has he who believes with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the Temple of God (the Church: believers in Christ) 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*' (Exodus 29:45).' *Therefore, come out from among them (unbelievers), and be you separate (from their worldly ways), says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean*' (Isaiah 51:11); and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." (2 Corinthians 6:14-18)

"Therefore, if there be any consolation **in Christ**, if any **comfort of love**, if any **fellowship of the Spirit**, if any affection 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 others better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. **Let this mindset be in you**, which was also in Christ Jesus; who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; **but made Himself of no reputation**, and took upon Himself **the form of a servant**, and was made in the likeness of men." (Philippians 2:1-7)

"But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Nevertheless, I count all things but loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith; so that **I may know Him**, and the power of his resurrection, and **the fellowship of His sufferings**, being made conformed unto His death;" (Philippians 3:7-10)

Fellowship with believers is founded upon fellowship with Christ Jesus, and in Christ Jesus, and with the Father, and in the Holy Spirit; Them in us, and us in Them. Please consider the following:

Jesus said, "**I am** the true vine, and **My Father** is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit **He** takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, **He prunes** it, so that it may bring forth more fruit. Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. **Abide in Me, and I in you**. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except **you abide in Me**. I am the vine, you are the branches; **He who abides in Me, and I in him**, the same (person) brings forth much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If a man does not abide in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you shall be My disciples. As the Father has loved Me, **so have I loved you**; continue you in My love. If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in **His love**. These things I have spoken unto you, so that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is My commandment: **that you love one another, as I have loved you**. Greater love has no man than this: that a man **lay down his life for his friends** (those with whom He fellowships with!)." (John 15:1-13)

True Fellowship in Jesus is rooted and founded in Love:

"Beloved, **let us love one another**: for love is of God; and every one who loves is born of God, and knows God. He who does not love, does not know God; **for God is love**. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, that God sent **His only begotten Son (Jesus)** into the world, so that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that **He loved us**, and sent **His Son** to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God **dwells in us**, and His love is perfected in us. Hereby we know that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He has given us **of His Spirit**. And we have seen and do testify that **the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world**. Whoever shall confess **that Jesus is the Son of God**, God dwells in Him, and **he** in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has toward us. **God is love**; and he who dwells in love **dwells in God, and God in him**." (1 John 4:7-16)

"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God has given to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: so we, being many, **are one body in Christ**, and everyone members one of another. ... Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly-love; in honor preferring one another." (Romans 12:3-10)

"I (Paul) therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation in which **you are called**, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering (patience), forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of **peace**. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling; **One Lord**, one faith, one baptism, **One God and Father of all**, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." (see in context Ephesians 4:1-16)

"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved: tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do you. And above all these things **put on love**, which is the bond of perfection. And **let the peace of God rule in your hearts**, to the which also you are called **in one body**; and be you thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and **admonishing one another** in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father **through Him** (through **Jesus**)." (Colossians 3:12-17)

In Jesus We Have Fellowship ...

... with the Father, With Jesus, and with the Holy Spirit !!!
God in us, and us in God !!

There is one God and Father of all believers, who is above everyone, and in everyone !
In Jesus we have fellowship with our fellow believers in Christ Jesus our Lord !
Our Fellowship is founded upon God's Love for us; our love for Him and each other !!
We are one body in Christ Jesus ! Everyone members one of another !

Thank You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for fellowshiping with us who believe !
Thank You Jesus for laying down your life for us, and securing our fellowship with you !

All Praise and Thanksgiving to You Always and Always !!
Truly Truly - Amen !