

TRUE FELLOWSHIP

The Greek word for fellowship is “koinonia”; it means that which is in common. A partnership or union usually gives men and women common ground. The scripture says, “Be ye not unequally yoked with unbelievers.

2 COR 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and **what communion hath light with darkness?**

True and open fellowship with mature Christians brings spiritual compatibility. As sons of God we have a common goal due to the spiritual enlightenment we received after being “born again”.

2 COR 8:4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, **and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.** *5And this they did,* not as we hoped, **but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.**

Please note that their ministry and giving was by the will of God. Those that give themselves to the Lord wholeheartedly will be able to give themselves willingly to the work of God; which includes ministering to the saints.

1 JN 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, **that we should be called the sons of God:** therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. **2Beloved, now are we the sons of God,** and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, **we shall be like him;** for we shall see him as he is.

Son-ship is the true fellowship of shared privilege, which has been given to all believers to enjoy. We are privileged to enjoy fellowship with all Christian people groups of different cultures worldwide, who have dedicated themselves to the work of God. Christ’s blood made one spiritual bloodline possible.

GEN 5:24 And **Enoch walked with God:** and he *was* not; for God took him.

PSA 55:14 We took sweet counsel together, *and* walked unto the house of God in company.

It’s wonderful to go to church as a unified family, especially when you have talked about it together and decided it is the right decision to make. God can bring direction, guidance and healing to families in Pentecostal churches or meetings.

PSA 119:63 *I am a companion of all them that fear thee*, and of them that keep thy precepts.

JN 13:34 "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." **35** "By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

PSA 65:4 *Blessed is the man whom thou choosest*, and causest to approach *unto thee*, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

God's house should contain all the spiritual goodness necessary to satisfy every believer. The Corinthian church had many carnal believers who hindered proper Christian growth and fellowship. For obvious reasons, it may be necessary at times to restrict fellowship with those who continually live carnally.

1 COR 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ. **2** **I have fed you with milk, and not with meat:** for hitherto ye were not able *to bear it*, neither yet now are ye able.

3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye **not carnal, and walk as men?**

ACT 5:3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back *part* of the price of the land? **4** Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? **why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.**

God is serious about unity. Truth is always the major factor for continued normal Christian fellowship; all Christian parties can enjoy and maintain great unity.

ACT 5:12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; **and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.**

I am certain that the unity that was in the meetings in Solomon's porch was some of the reason for the wonderful miracles done by the Apostles.

Psa 133:1 A Song of degrees of David. Behold, **how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!**

Psa 133:2 *It is like the precious ointment upon the head*, that ran down upon the beard, *even* Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

Psa 133:3 As the dew of Hermon, *and as the dew* that descended upon the mountains of Zion: **for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.**