

christian fellowship

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acts 2:41-42

So those who received [Peter's] word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

fellowship

english roots

1. being a part of a group, a body of people.
2. having or sharing with others certain things in common.
3. partnership that involves working together and caring for one another.

fellowship

greek roots

Koinwnia

from Koinos “common, mutual, public”
to share together, take part together.

Metocos

from meta “with,” or “to have”
“a sharing in, a partaking of”
“a partner, associate.”

fellowship

concepts in the new testament

- relationship
- partnership
- companionship
- stewardship

relationship

the foundation of fellowship

1Co 1:9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1Jn 1:3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

partnership

the means of fellowship

Heb 3:1

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession,

1Cor 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

companionship

the method of fellowship: vertical

Joh 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches.

Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

companionship

the method of fellowship: horizontal

- (a) whole body (Acts. 2:42; Heb. 10:25);
- (b) in smaller groups (2 Tim. 2:2)
- (c) one-on-one (1 Thess. 5:11)
- (d) sharing truth together (Rom. 1:11-12; 2 Tim. 2:2)
- (e) sharing together in worship,
 - (a) communion (1 Cor. 10:16),
 - (b) the singing (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16),
 - (c) prayer (1 Cor. 14:16-17),
 - (d) the ministry of the Word (Acts 20:20; 2 Tim. 2:2)
- (f) Ministering to one another Rom. 12:15; 1 Thes 5:11,14,15; Heb. 10:33).

stewardship

the overflow of fellowship

Rom 12:13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

1Ti 6:18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share.

Php 4:15 no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you.

Fellowship with “one another” how?

- **Love** (Joh 13:34-35)
- **Show affection, greet with kiss** (Rom 12:10)
- **Be at peace and bear with** (Eph 4:1-3)
- **Be kind and forgive** (Eph 4:32; Col 3:13)
- **Welcome and show hospitality** (Rom 15:7)
- **Instruct** (Rom 15:14)
- **Encourage and build up** (Eph 5:19; Col 3:16;
- **Worship together** (Heb 3:13; 10:24-25)

Fellowship with “one another” how?

- **Comfort and Care** (2Co 13:11; 1Co 12:25)
- **Serve and do good** (Gal 5:13; 1Pe 4:10)
- **Worship together** (Heb 3:13; 10:24-25)
- **Esteem greater than self** (1Pe 5:5; Eph 5:21)
- **Pray for and support** (Gal 6:2; Jas 5:16)
- **Be transparent** (Jas 5:16; 1Jn 1:7)

Fellowship with “one another” how?

Do not cause division:

- Do not lie (Col 3:9)
- Not pass judgment (Rom 14:13)
- Not speak evil (Jas 4:11)
- Not grumble (Jas 5:9)