

FELLOWSHIP

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Fellowship - communion, alliance, partnership, to be joined with, sharing, co-working, assembly, sweet counsel, close friend, equal, companion.

Living in fellowship with God, Father, Son and Spirit

Genesis 5:22-24

After the birth of Methuselah, Enoch lived in close **fellowship** with God for another 300 years, and he had other sons and daughters. Enoch lived 365 years, walking in close fellowship with God. Then one day he disappeared, because God took him.

1 Corinthians 1: 9

God is faithful; by him you were called into the **fellowship** of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the **fellowship** of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Philippians 3:10-11

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing [**fellowship**] of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

1 John 2:24-8

So you must remain faithful to what you have been taught from the beginning. If you do, you will remain in **fellowship** with the Son and with the Father. And in this **fellowship** we enjoy the eternal life he promised us. I am writing these things to warn you about those who want to lead you astray. But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true—it is not a lie. So just as he has taught you, remain in **fellowship** with Christ. And now, dear children, remain in **fellowship** with Christ so that when he returns, you will be full of courage and not shrink back from him

1 John 3:24

Those who obey God's commandments remain in **fellowship** with him, and he with them. And we know he lives in us because the Spirit he gave us lives in us.

1 John 5:20

And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God. And now we live in **fellowship** with the true God because we live in **fellowship** with his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life.

Fellowship Offerings - Leviticus 3 & Leviticus 7:11-18

Leviticus 3:1

If your offering is a **fellowship** offering, and you offer an animal from the herd, whether male or female, you are to present before the Lord an animal without defect.

Offerings made as thanksgiving, as fulfilment of a vow or as a freewill offering. The fellowship offering is the only offering that is not commanded by God – whereas burnt offerings or sin offerings, atoning for sin were. The Hebrew name for this offering comes from the root word for 'shalom' – meaning wholeness, right relationship, peace. Fellowship offerings confirmed the covenant [promise] relationship between God and people.

In a fellowship offering, God received the best parts first, the priests were given their share and then the people ate the rest.

Fellowship with Each Other

Acts 2:42-47

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to **fellowship**, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped

together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity – all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their **fellowship** those who were being saved.

Romans 15:23-4

But now I have finished my work in these regions, and after all these long years of waiting, I am eager to visit you. I am planning to go to Spain, and when I do, I will stop off in Rome. And after I have enjoyed your **fellowship** for a little while, you can provide for my journey.

2 Corinthians 8:3-4

I can assure you that they gave as much as they could, and even more than they could. Of their own free will 4 they begged us and pleaded for the privilege of having a part in helping God's people in Judea [the **fellowship** of ministering to the saints].

Galatians 2:9

In fact, James, Peter and John, who were known as pillars of the church, recognized the gift God had given me, and they accepted Barnabas and me as their co-workers [they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship.]

Philippians 1:4-5

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing [**fellowship**] in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 2:1-5

Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any **fellowship** together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Colossians 4:12

Epaphras, a member of your own **fellowship** and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends you his greetings. He always prays earnestly for you, asking God to make you strong and perfect, fully confident that you are following the whole will of God.

Warnings about who shouldn't participate in fellowship meals / be part of 'our fellowship'

1 Corinthians 5:2

I can hardly believe the report about the sexual immorality going on among you—something that even pagans don't do. I am told that a man in your church is living in sin with his stepmother. You are so proud of yourselves, but you should be mourning in sorrow and shame. And you should remove this man from your **fellowship**.

Ephesians 5:11

Have nothing to do [no **fellowship**] with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

2 Peter 2:13

Their destruction is their reward for the harm they have done. They love to indulge in evil pleasures in broad daylight. They are a disgrace and a stain among you. They delight in deception even as they eat with you in your **fellowship** meals.

Jude 1:12

When these people eat with you in your **fellowship** meals commemorating the Lord's love, they are like dangerous reefs that can shipwreck you. They are like shameless shepherds who care only for themselves. They are like clouds blowing over the land without giving any rain. They are like trees in autumn that are doubly dead, for they bear no fruit and have been pulled up by the roots.

Our fellowship with the Trinity and each other are inextricably linked

1 John 1:3

We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have **fellowship** with us. And our **fellowship** is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:6-7

So we are lying if we say we have **fellowship** with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have **fellowship** with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

