

"Let's Build Our Church!"

Revelation 3:7-13

INTRO: Someone defined fellowship as "two fellows in the same ship." We often claim that fellowship is spelled "food". But perhaps fellowship is a bit more than a common place and a common meal. From the Scriptures we learn that the Body of Christ is a spiritual oneness, more intimate than any other oneness on the planet. It unites our innermost beings together, and does so eternally.

V. WE NEED REAL CHRISTIANS WHO FELLOWSHIP

1. The Basics Of Our Fellowship

(1) Attachment - 1 Co. 1:9; He. 2:14; 2 Pt. 1:4; Pp. 2:1; 3:10

(2) Active Involvement - Pp. 1:5-7, 19; Lk. 5:10; 2 Co. 8:23

2. The Basis Of Our Fellowship - Am.3:3; Ac.2:41-42; 2Co.13:14; 6:14-18

3. The Building Of Our Fellowship - Acts 2:42-47; 2Co. 8:1-5/Pp. 2:20-21

4. The Breaking Of Our Fellowship - 1 Co. 3:14/Pr. 13:10; 1 Jo. 1:6-7

5. The Bond Of Our Fellowship

(1) Shared Tasks - Pp. 1:3-7; 19-20; 4:14-15

(2) Shared Testimony - 1 Th. 1:5-9; He. 10:24-25/3:13

(3) Shared Trials - Pp.3:10; He.13:16; Ac.4:31-37/Ga. 6:2; Ps.142:4

6. The Beauty Of Our Fellowship

(1) In Its Operation - Ec.4:9-12; 2Co.8:13-15

(2) In Its Opportunities - Ro.15:27-32; Pp. 4:14-16

7. The Blessing Of Our Fellowship - Ro.12:10-15; 1Co.12:22-27; Ps.133:1

CONCL: Members one of another, united for eternity: "what a fellowship, what a joy divine." One of the great blessings our Father has given us is the family of brothers and sisters in Christ. Our faith was never meant to be lived alone!

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"We Are W-ON-E!"

Romans 12:5

INTRO: "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3) But where does that begin? It begins by our being cleansed by the same blood from our sins, the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary. It begins by our being placed in the same, the body of the Lord Jesus Christ upon Whom our sins were laid. Our agreement is found in the blood and body of the Lord, and our union with Him is the start of our communion with each other. What a blessing!

I. OUR COMMON BOND

1. Other Bonds

2. Our Bond: *Forgiveness*

1a. We Are The Chosen Together - Ep. 1:3-7; 1 Pt. 2:9

2a. We Are The Called Together - Ro. 1:6-7; 8:28-30; 1 Co. 1:9

3a. We Are The Cleansed Together - Re. 1:5; 1 Jn. 1:7

II. OUR COMMON BODY

1. Other Bodies

2. Our Body: *Fellowship*

1a. One In Design - 1 Co. 12:12-13, 18; Ep. 4:11-13, 16

2a. One In Duty - 1 Co. 10:31; 1 Pt. 4:10-11

3a. One In Destiny - 1 Th. 1:10; 4:16-18

CONCL: We were "made nigh by the blood of Christ"... and "[reconciled] in one body by the cross." (Ephesians 2:13 & 16) There is no fellowship as sweet and as strong as the fellowship, the joint participation, the communion with the Blood and Body of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are partakers together of His sacrifice for our sin which brought us together by One Blood into One Body, forever. Rejoice!

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