

Devoted to the Church Far and Near

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2. What is the foundation of fellowship?
3. What does the Bible teach about our real fellowship with one another (what we “share in”)?
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 - b. We have been added together.
 - c. We are family.
 - d. We are the body of Christ.
 - e. We are God’s building.
4. What does the Bible teach about the actions that support that fellowship (how we “share with”)?

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This is sometimes called the _____ church.

Because only God can perfectly see it, it’s also called the _____ church.

How can we be devoted to the universal church?

1 Cor. 16:1-3

Hebrews 13:3

Hebrews 13:2

3 John 5-6

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Phil. 1:15-18

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1 Cor. 12:15

1 Cor. 12:18, 24

Conclusion

When we talk about being devoted to the fellowship, we mean:

- being devoted to the fellowship that you have _____
- being devoted to the _____ church, to everyone who is in Christ
- being devoted to the local gathering where _____

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