

## Devote Yourself to Fellowship, Part 1

### 1. What is fellowship?

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- what is shared vs what is my own
- what concerns all of us vs. what only concerns me
- what we all experience vs. what only I experience

Specifically, it means to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

- Share in (something): a \_\_\_\_\_ that unites you
- Share with (one another): \_\_\_\_\_ that support that unity

We "share with" \_\_\_\_\_ we "share in".

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### 2. What is the foundation of fellowship?

- Father, Son, and Spirit are the one perfect fellowship.
- Jesus died to bring sinners into the one perfect fellowship.
- You are united with Christ in an eternal fellowship.
- Your new identity is in Christ.
- Your fellowship with Christ is the source of all salvation blessings.

"God has graciously gathered his people into a body he calls the Church. Why did he pick that name? Church. In the language of the New Testament, it means 'gathering' or 'assembly.' Think about it. Of all the things God could have named his people — forgiven ones, holy ones, loved ones, redeemed ones, known ones—he chose to name us 'the gathering ones'—'the people who get together regularly.'"

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1. What is fellowship?
2. What is the foundation of fellowship?
3. What does the Bible teach about our real fellowship with one another (what we "share in")?
4. What does the Bible teach about the actions that support that fellowship (how we "share with")?

### 3. What does the Bible teach about our real fellowship with one another (what we "share in")?

#### a. We are one.

Galatians 3:28

Philippians 1:3-5

#### b. We have been added together.

Acts 2:41, 44, 47

#### c. We are family.

1 Cor. 4:17

1 Cor. 8:12

Col. 4:7

James 2:15

1 John 1:3

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