

# Fellowship Part 1

---

Greek: Koinonia

Definition: Living in a community together, pursues in common, Relationship dependent on more than one individual, Interdependent relationship, or a kingdom community.

Synonyms of Koinonia

1. Philos: related to love
2. Hetairos: to share in a common enterprise
3. Sunergos: Fellow worker
4. Metochos-Participant

Stages Fellowship

1 Cor 1:9 God is faithful who has called us into fellowship with his son Jesus Christ our Lord

Philemon 6:2 That your partnership communication with us might become effective by the knowledge of every good thing which is in you in Christ.

2 Cor 13:14 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup>For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Eph 3 17-19<sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup>may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup>and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Heart of fellowship

Fellowship is partnering with Christ to do God's will. Our Fellowship with Christ can only be strong as our fellowship with others.

Philippians 2:1-10 If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,<sup>2</sup> Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind. <sup>3</sup>*Let nothing be done* through strife or

vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.<sup>4</sup> Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.<sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:<sup>6</sup> Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:<sup>7</sup> But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: <sup>8</sup> And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.<sup>9</sup> Wherefore God also hath Highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: <sup>10</sup> That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; <sup>11</sup> And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 2: 44-47<sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

- Ministry is birth out of Fellowship
- Multiplicity of leaders
- Diversification of activities
- Giving to the needy
- Support for missions
- Exercise of different spiritual gifts
- Cooperate prayer

### The Heart of Fellowship

Fellowship is the medium through which we establish his kingdom

Eph 3:8-11

- The church is God's instrument in accomplishing his plan
- We should be a light of every glorious aspect of his being
- The very nature of God's plan necessitates veering capacities of many individuals coming to together.

--

Senior Pastor Paul Edwards