



## LESSON 7

### FELLOWSHIP



We have seen in the study of spiritual gifts that gifts are given for the building up of the church. When one becomes a Christian and thus a disciple, he or she is not meant to follow Christ alone. 1 Cor. 12:7, *“But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”* It is in the midst of the church, the congregation of fellow believers, where we enjoy fellowship with God and with man. It is vitally important to be connected to such a fellowship.

Take a look at 1 John 1:1-4. These verses talk of the two-fold relationship of fellowship. The first aspect of this fellowship is the vertical relationship between God and Man. The second aspect of this fellowship is a horizontal relationship with our fellow believers. Let’s take a look at what the Bible says about these two aspects of fellowship.

#### Study Questions

##### **THE VERTICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOD AND MAN**

1. God calls us into a fellowship and relationship with Him in Isaiah 45:22, *“Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.”* Therefore, we are to seek to have a special relationship with Him.

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2. In Psalm 73:24 we find a promise that God will counsel and guide us. What other promise can we find in this verse? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. According to John 10:14-15, what are the two promises received through fellowship with God? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Read 1 Corinthians 2:9-16. What does this passage say to you about God’s love for those who have fellowship with Him? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. All those who have fellowship with God can look joyfully at the promise of Luke 23:43. What is that promise? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. In Philippians 1:22-23, Paul is talking about being pulled between the flesh and his desire to be with Christ. Why is it far better to be with Christ? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. 1 Peter 1:8 talks about faith. Can we have fellowship with God without faith? \_\_\_\_\_  
What do you think happens if we believe, yet fail to seek and develop a relationship with God? \_\_\_\_\_  
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***THE HORIZONTAL RELATIONSHIP WITH FELLOW BELIEVERS***

1. According to Acts 2:42, in addition to the learning, praying and partaking in the Lord's Supper, what did the disciples do? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. In Galatians 6:1-10, Paul admonishes the believers to do what three things? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Read Philippians 2:1-11. What does it say in regard to how we are to treat fellow believers, and how does this relate to fellowship? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What does Ecclesiastes 4:10, 12 say are advantages to fellowship with believers? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What does Proverbs 27:17 say about fellowship? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What four things does the author of Hebrews encourage us to do in Hebrews 10:23-25? \_\_\_\_\_  
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As it is clearly seen from the above verses, it is essential to the vitality of the Christian life to be in fellowship with other believers. This fellowship starts with attending a weekly worship service at your congregation and continues with a growing relationship with fellow congregational members outside of church activities. Fellowship with God and fellowship in the midst of the congregation are enjoyable experiences.

- 1 John 1:7
- Ephesians 4
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-31
- 1 John 4:7-8
- Romans 12:5
- 1 Corinthians 10:16-17
- Ephesians 3:6
- Ephesians 5:30

### **Suggested Follow-up**

### **Verses:**

### **Assignments to help you prepare for Lesson # 8**

- 1) Continue reading the Bible.
- 2) Complete the lesson on *Obedience* before your next appointment.
- 3) Memorize Acts 1:8.
- 4) Talk to people you know at church about Jesus.
- 5) Take notes during the pastor's sermon.

### **NOTES:**