

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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Questions based on the article “Definition of Christian Fellowship”

1. The Greek word *koinonia* (fellowship) is translated with 5 other words in the King James Bible. Look up the implied meaning of these words from their corresponding verses listed below to gain a broader understanding of the word:

a) Communion

- 1 Corinthians 10:16a, b –

- 2 Corinthians 6:14c –

- 2 Corinthians 13:14 –

b) Communication

- Philemon 1:6 –

c) Distribution

- 2 Corinthians 9:13 –

d) Contribution

- Romans 15:26 –

e) To communicate

- Hebrews 13:16 –

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Questions based on the article “A Discourse on Christian Fellowship”

1. What do you think could be the possible reasons why false concepts of Christian fellowship have been brought into the church?
2. How can we ascertain that Christian fellowship is the Apostle John’s main topic of discourse in 1 John 1:3-7?
3. Who are the main participants of Christian fellowship according to 1 John 1:3? Explain briefly how all believers in Christ are called into an eternal partnership with one another.
4. What human factors could possibly create divisions and barriers to Christian fellowship? How does the passage in Galatians 3:26-28 address this problem?

9. Why is it that people walking in darkness are less likely to be found in the fellowship of God's people? (John 3:19-20)

10. What is God's provision for every errant believer to be restored and maintain sweet communion with Him and His people? (1 John 1:7) How can this provision be applied to the backslidden Christian?

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Questions based on the article “Expressions of Christian Fellowship”

1. Why does Christian fellowship carry a very special blessing? In what sense is it an “out-of-the-earth” experience?
2. What are the qualities that believers need to express in Christian fellowship according to the Apostle Paul in Philippians 2:1-4? How did the early church leaders convey these qualities to Paul after his conversion? (Galatians 2:9)
3. Name the biblical prescriptions for Christian fellowship mentioned in Acts 2:42. Discuss how these prescriptions can spawn Christians’ growth in grace and knowledge of the Lord and strengthen their bond with one another.
4. How did the believers in the early church demonstrate their ‘togetherness’ in Christian fellowship? (Acts 2:44-45; 4:34-37)

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Questions based on the article “Prayer and Christian Fellowship”

1. Point out some verses in the Bible that underline the importance of praying for one another. Use a Bible concordance for easy reference.
2. When we see a brother living in sin, how should we pray for him? (1 John 5:16a)
3. According to the Apostle Paul, why were some Corinthian brethren weak and sickly while others had even died? (1 Corinthians 11:28-30) Do bodily afflictions that come upon Christians always mean the presence of sin in their lives? Explain briefly.
4. What is a “sin not unto death” and how can a person with such a sin be given life? (1 John 5:16a)

5. How can we balance “have no company” with the disobedient brother without completely ostracizing him? What should be our attitude towards him? (2 Thessalonians 3:14-15)

6. What are the dangers that pose a threat to believers should they maintain close fellowship with the following groups of people:
 - Busybody persons (2 Thessalonians 3:11) –

 - Lazy and irresponsible persons (2 Thessalonians 3:11) –

 - Fornicator (1 Corinthians 5:11) –

 - Covetous (1 Corinthians 5:11) –

 - Idolater (1 Corinthians 5:11) –

 - Railer (1 Corinthians 5:11) –

 - Drunkard (1 Corinthians 5:11) –

 - Extortioner (1 Corinthians 5:11) –

 - Schismatic persons (Romans 16:17; 1 Timothy 6:5; 2 John 10) –

 - Self-promoting persons (3 John 9-11) –

7. What negative impression will result if we continue to associate with unrepentant brethren? (2 John 11)

