

“Growing Our Church God’s Way: **Fellowshipping**-Part 2”

Selected Scriptures

Scripture reading: Romans 15:1-7 “We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification. ³ For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me. ⁴ For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. ⁵ Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: ⁶ That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.”

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- I. The **Definition** of Fellowship (Acts 2:42)
- II. The **Command** to Fellowship (Hebrews 10:23-25)
- III. The **Expression** of Fellowship (Selected Scriptures)
 1. The Church is Commanded to **Love** One Another
 2. The Church is Commanded to **Live** in Harmony with One Another
 3. The Church is Commanded to **Welcome** One Another
 4. The Church is Commanded to **Admonish** One Another
 5. The Church is Commanded to **Care** for One Another

1 Corinthians 12:25 “that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.”

Acts 4:34-35 “Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, ³⁵ And laid *them* down at the apostles’ feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.”

6. The Church is Commanded to **Serve** with One Another

Galatians 5:13 “For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”

1 Peter 4:10 “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:”

7. The Church is Commanded to **Bear** One Another’s Burdens

Galatians 6:2 “Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

Galatians 6:1 “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.”

Philippians 2:5-8 “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: ⁷ But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: ⁸ And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”

8. The Church is Commanded to be **Patient** with One Another

Ephesians 4:2 “with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,”

Romans 2:3-4 “And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? ⁴ Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?”

Romans 9:22 “*What* if God, willing to shew *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:”

1 Peter 3:20 “Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.”

9. The Church is Commanded to be **Kind** to One Another

Ephesians 4:32 “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

Luke 6:35 “**But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.**”

10. The Church is Commanded to **Forgive** with One Another

Colossians 3:13 “bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, **forgiving** each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.”

Romans 8:32 “He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?”

11. The Church is to **Sing** Praises with One Another

Ephesians 5:19 “addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,”

Colossians 3:16 “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

12. The Church is Commanded to **Regard** One Another as Important

Philippians 2:3 “Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.”

Romans 12:10 “*Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour **preferring one another;**”

13. The **Application**