

Koinonia: Fellowship in the Body of Christ

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Scripture:

I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶ The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. (1 Cor. 10:15-17 ESV)

From the Introduction:

Koinonia is a Greek term that can mean, “fellowship, partnership” (Ac 2:42; Gal 2:9; 1 Jn 1:3) It can also be translated “participation, communion” (1 Co 10:16).

Fellowship in _____. (1 Cor 1:9)

- Jesus Christ is our _____ for fellowship.
- Fellowship in Christ is necessary in order that He might complete God's work _____ us.

Fellowship in the _____. (Phil 2:1-2)

- The Holy Spirit is our _____ of fellowship.
- Fellowship in the Spirit is necessary in order that He might _____ us in God's work.

Fellowship in the _____. (Ac 2:42)

- The body is our _____ of fellowship.
- Fellowship in the body is necessary in order that we might grow in _____ and _____.

Remember:

⁴ There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (Eph. 4:4-6 ESV)

Reflect:

“If there are two persons praying, there are three. If three meet to pray, there are four praying. There is always one more than you can see.” – S. D. Gordon

Seek:

1 Corinthians 1:9 reminds us that God calls us into “the fellowship of his Son.” How is knowing that God has taken an active role in drawing you to Him, through Christ, influenced your desire to seek and serve Him?

Share:

In the message, the pastor shared Home Kent’s quote, “The fellowship produced by the Holy Spirit should stimulate the practical exercise of unity.” Share with the group how the Holy Spirit has blessed you in you “practical exercise of unity” in the body?

Serve:

The pastor stated, “Fellowship in the body is necessary in order that we might grow in strength and unity.” In what ways can you serve the body in fellowship that can strengthen it and unity it more?

Pray:

This week seek God’s will for you and the church. Thank Him for what He has done in your life through Christ and ask Him to open your eyes to the opportunities He will present to you through the work of the Holy Spirit. Continue to keep the church body in prayer, asking Him for strength and unity.