



Sweet Fellowship

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Introduction: Does anyone remember that old Accapella song, *Sweet Fellowship*? I burned out the CD and the tape tore up in my tape player. I wore that song out! The early church must have prided itself on its fellowship (**Acts 2:41-47, 4:32-35**). Is there anything that we can learn from their sweet fellowship? Are there things that we need to change to be more like them? What is fellowship? Let's study together . . .

Discussion:

I. The Main Types of Fellowship

- A. Kinship – You are born into one fellowship.
- B. Membership – You can be members of a fellowship.
- C. Companionship – You can be close to those of a fellowship.
- D. Partnership – You can join with those in fellowship.

II. The Meaning of Fellowship

- A. Communion
I Corinthians 10:16
- B. Community
II Corinthians 6:14
- C. Contributor
II John 10-11

III. The Misconceptions of Fellowship

- A. Christians Cannot Extend Fellowship (Beyond the church)
Acts 9:26
- B. Christians Cannot Withdraw Fellowship
I Corinthians 5, II Corinthians 6:14
- C. Christians Cannot Have Mistaken Fellowship
Ephesians 5:11
- D. Christians Cannot Have Worldly Fellowship
I John 1:5-7

IV. The Mentality of Fellowship

- A. Have Peace With One Another
Mark 9:50
- B. Serve One Another
Galatians 5:13
- C. Pray For One Another
James 5:16
- D. Be Hospitable To One Another
I Peter 4:9
- E. Love One Another
I John 2:11, John 13:34-35

Conclusion: Fellowship depends on our relationship to God, His Son, His Spirit, and our brothers and sisters in Christ (**I John 1:7-10, 4:20-21**). How is your relationship to God? How is your relationship to your brethren? When will decide to take off the plastic smiles and be real with one another? Our fellowship should be a friendly, loving, and hospitable. We should have a fellowship that is warm and receptive. What are you doing to make this a reality? Let's draw closer to God and closer to one another.

WORD OF THE DAY = "FELLOWSHIP"