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Fellowship

“What is your Relationship to Other Christians?”



Once you become a Christian, you discover there is a whole new family awaiting you. Learning to interact within God’s family is an important part of growing as a Christian.

LESSON 12

The purpose of this lesson is to give you instruction regarding the principles that govern your relationships with other Christians. God provides guidelines that must be followed so that fellowship with other believers can flourish.

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INTRODUCTION

When we trusted Christ as our personal Savior, we became part of a new family—God’s family. Our Heavenly Father is God himself. We are one of His children. But God has many children, and as His children, we have a special and unique relationship to other Christians.

Often in the Bible our relationship to other Christians is called “fellowship.” It is important that we learn how to function within our new family. We need the fellowship of our brothers and sisters in Christ as much as they need us. To a great extent, all believers are dependent upon one another.

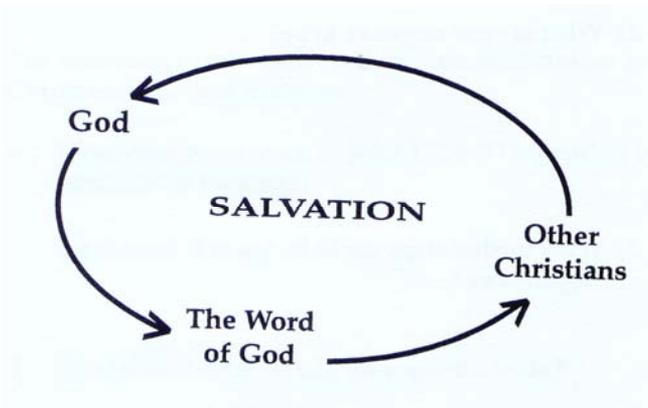
Fellowship is the sharing of our life with other believers. The common bond which unites us is Jesus Christ. Christ’s willingness to share His life now motivates us to share our life with others. His principles, given in the Bible, provide the guidelines which govern our interaction with other believers.

Fellowship is vital in the life of a Christian! In fact, it is next to impossible to grow as a Christian without the fellowship of other believers.

As we study this lesson, we should see the importance of fellowship in our life as well as in the family of God. We need to learn the basic principles which will help us structure our life as a Christian.

4. In I John 3:10, what two things are unique about a Christian?

Fellowship, then, is a result of being born again into God's family through trusting Christ as Savior. Our salvation is that which we have in common with other Christians. We now have a unique and special relationship with God and with other Christians. The first basic element which enables us to have fellowship is the common bond of salvation.



- f. According to Matthew 18:21-22, how many times should you forgive one who sins against you?

- g. Galatians 5:13 teaches another responsibility you have in relation to other Christians. What is it?

- h. What are some ways you can enact this principle?

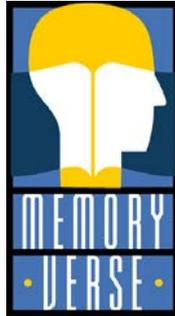
These are principles God has given so that fellowship can be what it ought to be among God's people. We must learn to live out these principles in our life as a Christian so that we can enjoy the fellowship of other believers.

CONCLUSION

When we study the life of Christ, we will find these are the principles that govern His relationship with us. In turn, Christ calls us to make these principles the guidelines in our relationship to other Christians.

We must live by these principles so we can know the joy and benefits of fellowship with other Christians.

Memory Verse ***Ephesians 4:32***



Write down any questions you may have regarding this lesson.

