



## Inner Growth - Fellowship

**But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin.**

1 John 1:7

Family ----- Romans 12:5

Ears ----- Matthew 11:15

Listen ----- Proverbs 19:20

Learn ----- Proverbs 1:5

Observe ----- Proverbs 16:23

Word ----- 1 John 2:5

Strengthen ---- Psalms 27:14

Hospitality --- Romans 12:13

Inform - Deuteronomy 17:10

People -----1 Peter 2:9

Fellowship is about helping the other fellow to be better than they are now. Christian Fellowship is helping the other fellow believers be better spiritually in God and overall than they are now. These meetings are to aid in a believer's spiritual growth and development in Christ. Fellowship is the continual process of striving to make a sincere and sustained effort by God's grace by word and deed. Not our word but through the Word of God. This activity on our part will enable us to inhabit the presence of God in our midst wherever we may be. To allow us to connect with the Holy Spirit and the Christian community. Even though the enemy is in pursuit of enticing us to sin, we daily have the opportunity to confess and ask

forgiveness of sin, whether knowingly or unknowingly. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin.

Fellowship is about being a family. A collective group of Christians in different places working together to fulfill the will of God. The benefits of fellowship begin with people who love others apart from their family at home. After all, God gave His only Son for all humanity. The mission for every Christian is about reaching other people for the kingdom of God. The way God saved us was by love. Therefore, this is the way it will continue to win the lost. Fellowship is about hearing from others that are speaking to us. Especially members from the body of Christ, where God may give them a word anytime during our conversation with them.

Fellowship is listening to what God says by His Holy Word and through the fellow believers in Christ. To listen is to receive. To receive is to use it and apply the information to our life. When we do that, it will enable us to receive more. At times many people hear but do not listen. The old saying, "go through one ear and out the other and not resting in between."

Fellowship is observation. To notice with our eyes, hear with our ears before speaking with the mouth is wise. To be slow to utter will prevent strife and unnecessary conflict between us and others, especially in the body of Christ. Fellowship is about the Word. To keep the Word of God in our hearts and minds, especially if someone gives you a related word from God. We should not take it lightly because it could be the answer to our prayers or a difficult situation we may be experiencing. We never know how God will use others to bring a message to our attention. Fellowship is to strengthen each member in the body of Christ. Sometimes, each believer will go through various obstacles that will make us physically and mentally weary. Therefore, the fellowship will allow us to receive renewed energy through a Word from God by another member. Fellowship is showing care towards others. In the book of James, verse eight of chapter two, where it states to love thy neighbor as thyself, you do well. Neighbor is similar to fellow believers. If there is someone that has a need within the church and we are capable of helping them, why not? Fellowship is about being informed. One of the benefits of meeting people after church services is to receive valuable information. Fellowship in this environment helps the enquirer to find answers to questions that are unavailable during the service.

Fellowship is about people. The opportunity to connect with others after service on a personal level is not possible during service. This time enables members to share with others problems, questions, and challenges they may experience in their faith and receive answers and personal testimonies in return that will help them persevere.

Fellowship is something that can take place anywhere at any time. However, the challenge is to find individuals that love God and people that are willing to give advice and help without expecting anything in return.