



Fellowship

Our Relationship with Each Other

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Greek word **KOINONEO**. verb. means *to share, to be a partaker*.

1Pet 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are ***partakers*** of Christ's sufferings.

Root word: KOINOS. which literally means common, unclean or ordinary.

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KOINONIA. (n) **means** *an association, a community with joint participation, a sharing, a fellowship/intimacy.*

1 Cor 1:9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto ***the fellowship*** of his son Jesus Christ our Lord.

KOINONOS.(n) **means** *a partner, sharer in anything, associate, companion*

Luke 5v10 James and John, the sons of Zebedee “which were ***partners*** with Simon”

Basis of Fellowship

“the doctrines and precepts of Christ, as taught in the apostolic writings, and defined (positively and negatively) in the Birmingham Amended Statement of Faith without reservation, Doctrines to be rejected and Epitome of the Commandments of Christ”

Is Doctrine Important?

- **Gal 1:8** But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.
- **Tit 3:10** A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; (*heretick means a follower of false doctrine. Reject Esv 'have nothing more to do with them'*)
- **1John 2:24** Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

False Christianity

- **Ephesus** Rev 2v2 (AV) I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

False Christianity

- **Pergamos Rev 2v14** But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. 15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. 16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

False Christianity

- **Thyatira** Rev 2v20-22 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.
- v22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. v23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the ecclesias shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts:

Keep Separate from false Christianity

Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers <sugkoinoneo> of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

No Fellowship with Darkness

- Eph 5 have no fellowship with the works of darkness but rather reprove them.
- 1Cor 5:11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

Walk in Light fellowship one with another

- **1John 1:6-7** If we say that we have fellowship <*koinonia*> with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:
 - But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship <*koinonia*> one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Fellowship Christ's sufferings (v.n.n)

- 1Pet 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers <koinoneo> of Christ's sufferings; that, **when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.**
- Php 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship <Koinonia> of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;
- 2Cor 1:7 And our hope of you *is* stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers <Koinonos> of the sufferings, **so shall ye be also of the consolation.**

Fellowship suffering of the brethren

- **Heb 10:33** Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions <koinonos> of them that were so used.
- **Php 1:7**; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers <sugkoinonos> of my grace.
- **Rev 1:9** I John, who also am your brother, and companion <sugkoinonos> in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ,

Jerusalem Collection to relieve the brethren

- Php 4:15 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no ecclesia communicated with <koinoneo> me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.
- Rom 15:26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution <koinonia> for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.
- 2Cor 8:4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and *take upon us* the fellowship <koinonia> of the ministering to the saints.
- 2Cor 9:13 Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for *your* liberal distribution <koinonia> unto them, and unto all *men*;

Breaking of Bread Fellowship

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the **communion** <koinonia> of the blood of Christ?

The bread which we break, is it not the **communion** <koinonia> of the body of Christ?

1Cor 10:16

Fellowship to come

....His divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness.....,Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers <koinonos> of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. **2 Peter 1:3-4**