

Sermon Guide Five Tenets of Christian Fellowship

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TWO DIMENSIONS OF FELLOWSHIP:

•	Vertical: Fellowship with
•	Horizontal: Fellowship with

FIVE TENETS OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP I John 1:1-7

1. THE PREMISE OF FELLOWSHIP:

"That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ." Verse 3

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "<u>IF YOU CONTINUE</u> in My word, you are My disciples indeed. John 8:32

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9

"Therefore, whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. Matthew 10:32

2. THE PICTURE OF FELLOWSHIP:

So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about 3,000 people were added. ⁴² They were DEVOTING THEMSELVES to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:41-42

Now ALL WHO BELIEVED WERE TOGETHER, and had all things in common, Acts 2:44

in whom the whole building, BEING FITTED TOGETHER, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, Ephesians 2:21

You have purified your souls by obeying the truth to show sincere mutual love. So love one another earnestly from a pure heart. I Peter 1:22

Is not the cup of blessing that we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread that we break a sharing in the body of Christ? 1 Corinthians 10:16

3.	THE PURPOSE OF FELLOWSHIP:
	Let us hold fast <u>THE CONFESSION</u> of our faith without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us CONSIDER ONE ANOTHER to stir up love and good works, Hebrews 10:23-24.
	Do Not Give up on THE ASSEMBLING of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. For if we <u>SIN WILLFULLY</u> after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, Verses 25-26
4.	THE PERIL OF FELLOWSHIP: Confess <i>your</i> trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. James 5:16
	Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ, Galatians 6:2.
	With all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, Ephesians 4:3
5.	THE PRODUCT OF FELLOWSHIP:
	And these things we write to you that your joy may be complete, I John 1:4.
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