




What Does True Fellowship Look Like

1 John 1:3 & Philippians 1:3-8



1 John 1:3 (ESV)

that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.



Philippians 1:5

because of your partnership in the gospel from
the first day until now.

Philippians 1:7

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

Philippians

²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Ephesians 3:8-11


To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,

1 Corinthians 12:27

Now you are the body of Christ and
individually members of it.

Ephesians 1:22-23

And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.



¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves^[d] or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Ephesians 4:16

¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

1 Corinthians 12:14-20

¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

Galatians 5:13-14

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”



Mark 10:45

⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Philippians 2:4

⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Philippians 1:8

⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all
with the affection of Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

⁷ But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸ So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.



Affectionately Desirous:

The only place in Bible where this phrase is used


The sense here is, that Paul was so strongly attached to them that he would have been willing to lay down his life for them.

Colossians 3:14

¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

1 Peter 4:8

⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly,
since love covers a multitude of sins.

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1. Pray diligently for the person
 2. Trust God to do His work of sanctification in the other person
 3. Recognize that you are both partakers of Grace
 4. Work with him/her in the gospel Serve together
 5. Know God's heart.....work on having a genuine affectionate love for others

Philippians 2:1-3

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves

Ephesians 4:2-7

² with all humility and gentleness,
with patience, bearing with one another in
love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the
bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—
just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to
your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one
God and Father of all, who is over all and through all
and in all. ⁷ But grace was given to each one of
us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Acts 2:42-47 continued

⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.