

For two minds to have fellowship they must have something in common. This does not mean that they must think alike & talk alike. There is fellowship in difference. But they must at least have a common purpose. If we are to have fellowship with ^{Christ} God we must share his purpose of saving men. This is a faithful saying or

1 John 1.3 "Our fellowship is with the Father
and with His Son Jesus Christ."

The word fellowship *κοινωνία* =
having things in common, thoughts,
feelings, purposes, sympathy.

John says that we have these in
common, share them with God (over)

The same word is used for the
Lord's Supper. ^{having things in common with Christ} It is a fellowship -
a fellowship in the death of Christ
and a fellowship with the living
Christ - ^{Realizing that the death of Christ was} for us and that it means something
^{in our life -}

Jesus Christ longed for this fellowship.
With desire I have desired <sup>He needed it
as well as we</sup>

He established it as a living, per-
manent memorial and as an
invitation to ^{renew} fellowship with him
in coming days -

So as we gather around this table we may say to ourselves God desires to have fellowship with us through Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ said do this in memory of me, for as often as ye eat this bread & drink this cup ye do show forth the Lord's death until he come. He meant the Lord's supper to be a continual reminder and renewal of our fellowship with him, in his sufferings & in his resurrection & ^{of} life in the Spirit.

There is an implied promise that in this communion he will

manifest his fellowship with us. He desires our fellowship, he invites us into fellowship with himself, he will make us to know that he is near, he is here - "God is faithful ^{through} whom ~~has~~ ^{eye were} called ~~us~~ into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord". This fellowship is a ^{real} real thing, it is a communion with Jesus Christ our Lord - This is what has made the Communion so precious to ^{in all ages.} Christians. They long for it as ^{Christ longed for it.} It is not to ~~be~~ us a convention, a mere form but a real

season of communing with
Jesus Christ, our risen & living
Lord.

We go forth from it to carry
with us in the ordinary walks
& works of life fellowship
with Christ, who walks with
us as of old he walked with
his disciples.

"Lord I know thy grace is nigh me
Though thyself I cannot see."

Lord I know thy gracious presence is
with me though thyself I cannot see.

This fellowship with Christ continued in the daily walks of our life will lead us into fellowship with the poor & the vicious.

I do not say into pity for them & ^{into} help for them but into fellowship with them. Jesus Christ had fellowship with them, and if we walk with him he will lead us into fellowship with them. One of the proofs of his messiahship which he seek to John the Baptist was that the poor have the

gospel preached unto them.
The reproach which the
Pharisees cast upon Jesus
was that "he receiveth sinners
& eateth with them". We are
verily guilty in that we fail in
this fellowship with the out-
casts of Society. We look
down upon them from our
heights of self-righteousness.
We pity them & cast alms
to them but we do not have
fellowship with them. We
do not try to find out why
they have gone wrong & to
do away with the causes,
which made them go wrong.

We have little cause to condemn them for in our own hearts & thoughts we sin the same sins which they commit openly.

Lincoln Steffens in his remarkable Autobiography says that he learned to love the "crooks" - Caught in a system of business & politics which fostered corruption, they had come to regard with horror the depravation of society which it caused & were ready to aid him in exposing themselves

& others like them in order
to reform the system. ^{There is}
^{in bad men the capacity for goodness - (over)}
Sometimes it was the church
which blocked the way.

He exclaimed: "The Church
will not recognize Christianity
when it sees it". Our pride,
selfishness, censoriousness,
love of ease & comfort may be
as great sins in the sight
of God as the crimes of
sinners - We need to meet
with them with a sense of
common need - that the
spirit of Jesus may take
full possession of us & them.

We have common ground with
them both in our need of Christ
and in our capacity for goodness

The secret of ^{the} success of men
& women who have gone
among the poor & vicious
is that they had fellowship
with them.

Charity often does as much
harm as good, but fellowship
wins men to a better life.

The gracious fellowship of Jesus
with sinners won them to
follow him.

Our fellowship with Jesus Christ will lead us to share with all our life with him.

We may be conscious of his presence at all times, in all we do.

Hudson Taylor wrote: "I no longer ask him to be with me, for he never leaves me."

A business man when he felt that his fellowship with Jesus was interrupted used to close his office door to all callers until he had renewed that fellowship.

How can we have such constant fellowship with Jesus?

1. A purpose to do the will of Jesus in all things -

When in any doubt about our course of action we turn to him, who is always with us, to know what he would have us do, and we purpose to do that at whatever cost to ourselves -

Prof. Royce defined faith as "the soul's discovery of a power to stand anything in the universe"

It is Martin Luther's word: "Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise."

I have found great comfort in the words of the Psalmist 31:15 "my times are in thy hand"

He said:

I have trusted in Thee, O Lord,
Thou art my God;

My times are in Thy hand."

The primacy of Jesus becomes
a habit of the soul.

Saul recognized this when he
said: "Lord what wilt Thou
have me to do?"

2. We turn habitually to the Scriptures, the Gospels, for acquaintance with Jesus. "He is the same yesterday today and forever" and we read the story of his life to know him. We feel that what he was he is. His character has not changed. Conditions have changed, but if we walk with him he will show us a straight path through all the complications of modern life.

3. We turn to prayer as an opportunity to meet with Jesus. He has given us a rendezvous with himself in prayer. Hitherto ye have asked nothing in my name, ask & receive that your joy may be full."

"Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name that will I do".

It is a great joy to receive answers to our prayers, for they assure us that we are heard & considered, but when we conceive of

Prayer as meeting with
Jesus we often forget to ask
anything - It is enough
just to be with him. We
would rather have him do
the talking. Prayer is fellow-
ship and our fellowship is
with the Father and with His
Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Society

From a Latin word meaning sharing. Those people who are associated together by neighborhood or culture or other ties so that they have common interests.

In its broadest meaning it includes the world-"human society". It is used in limited meanings. Polite Society, Fashionable Society, Intellectual Society, Society of the vicious. Society implies that its members have common interests.

Society differs from nation. In society there many nationalities. Society implies that people of different nationalities have

common interests. e.g. athletics
Science, art, Commerce etc.
So nations are interested with
other nations in Societies, i.e. in
common interests -

In Human Society all nations share
For ex. England's crisis -

Society means that members
work for common interests -

Difficulty - members who work for
individual aims careless of
common good.

In Disarmament

In Economics

Selfish motives -

R. C. is a Society - a little world
Common aim Education.

Improvement of college life.

athletics -

Class Societies

Dramatics

All that goes to make the college life richer -

difficultly - Those who work for individual aims careless of common good - place, name, influence &

Society demands sacrifice & service -

Ps. 90 - A Prayer of Moses the man of God.
J. Dt. 33: 27 The eternal God is thy dwelling
and underneath are the everlasting God.

We come to One who is not subject to
change & decay. and we find our den
in Him.

Ps. 24: 8 Lord I love the dwelling of thy house ^{den}

91: 9 Thou hast made the Most High thy ^{den}
1 He that dwelleth (sitteth) etc

To have God as our abiding place.

In contrast with God's eternity - the
transitoriness of man - 1 generation succeeds
another as classes in college - professions

Ps. 7: 27: 1 The Lord is the fortification of my life

31: 5 Thou art my rock & my fortress

37: 9 The Lord is the salvation of the righteous

He is their stronghold in time of trouble

From everlasting to everlasting

Character - unselfish purpose.

Pray God we may have the right
men in office when such
decisions must be made -

Crisis await - all -

Temptations to embezzle
to make money by fraud -
to gain power by trickery -
Choice of life work -

Crisis

Κρίσις = to separate, a turning point.
which separates a past period from
the future one.

Examples -

Cheating, ^{1st} act - an honest boy
becomes dishonest.

Stealing - an honest - a thief.

Viscount Grey's words, p. 14 -

One brings to a crisis what he
has accumulated - what he is.

Here is a man in public
office called to make a decision
on which hang momentous interests
vast sums - millions of lives -

Can he meet the crisis? It depends
on what he brings to the crisis
of intellectual power, clear vision

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