

# 3 The Fellowship of Christians

## Chapter

John 13:3~5, 1 Corinthians 1:8~10

### Today's Lesson:



1. To understand the true meaning of the fellowship of Christians.
2. To understand the conditions necessary for a good and beneficial fellowship.

Open Your Heart



The picture above shows a statue named "The Divine Servant". It is located at the Theological Seminary in Dallas. Write down just two things you felt while looking at the picture.

1.)

2.)



## Understanding

# Today's Lesson

Fellowship means to have "communion".

Unlike the fellowship of the people of this world, the communion of Christians is with the Lord and our brothers and sisters. God calls upon brothers and sisters who are saved and holy to have fellowship with Him. Through this fellowship, we not only receive the Word and love from the Lord, but also give thanks, praise, and glory to Him. In addition, we are comforted and protected under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and are washed away from sins and transgressions in our lives. We also discuss and make decisions about how we should do the work of God, such as evangelism, etc. Therefore, fellowship is one of the most important and fundamental elements in the faith life of a saved person.

For a truly good and beneficial fellowship, there are several things that we must keep in mind. First, before attending fellowship, you must pray and review your life to see if you are maintaining a normal relationship with the Lord. If you have had any quarrels or resentment towards your brothers and sisters, you must quickly come to reconciliation. In addition, we need to be careful about our words and actions because there may be people who are living a life of faith in the midst of difficulties or have just been saved. When other brothers and sisters testify, it is necessary to listen to their testimony until the very end, and we must refrain from making quick judgments regarding that testimony. Just as the Lord showed us what a beneficial fellowship is like through his disciples, we must also put ourselves in a position to serve each other. In addition, if there are any faults that are revealed through the fellowship, we must encourage each other to live a proper Christian life again by accepting each other and washing them with the Word and love.

Notes:

## Memorizing

# Bible Verses



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.

(1 John 1:3)



## Meditate

# On These Verses

1. After you have meditated on the following verses, give a title of the verse or write a short summary of the verse. Also, write down things you have felt about the verse, or other verses that it has reminded you of.

(Malachi 3:16–18)

(Acts 2:41–47)

(Philippians 4:14–16)



## Changing

# Directions

The book of Philippians is a letter that was sent by apostle Paul to the Philippians during his first imprisonment in Rome. It explains what the fellowship is in great detail. Read through the Book of Philippians and answer the following questions.

1. Read Philippians 1:3–5. Why was apostle Paul grateful and joyful in prison whenever he thought about the saints at Philippi?

2. Read Chapter 2 verses 1–4. What should our attitude be when we are exhorting, comforting, and having fellowship in Christ?

- ① We must be ( ) minded
- ② We must have the ( ) love
- ③ We must be of ( ) accord and of ( ) mind
- ④ We must do nothing in ( ) ambition or ( ).
- ⑤ We must in ( ) of mind ( ) others better than ourselves.
- ⑥ We must not only look out for ( ) interests, but the interest of ( )

3. Chapter 3 verse 10 speaks of fellowship as participating in "the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings." In this regard, think about whether having fellowship through soccer or meals is beneficial and write down your ideas.

4. In Chapter 4 verse 14, apostle Paul says that the Philippian saints shared his distress. How did they partake in his distress? Read Chapter 4:15–19 and answer the question.

5. What kind of relationship do I have with the brothers and sisters these days? Just write one thing down.



Applying

## The Word to My Life

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.  
(James 2:26)

1. Please write down how you will apply what you learned today throughout this week

1.)

2.)

3.)

2. Look back and reflect on how successful you were at applying last week's lesson.



Praying

## To Live According to the Word

Let us give thanks to the Lord for allowing us to have abundant fellowship with the Him and our brothers and sisters. Let us ask that we may desire more sincere fellowship in the Lord. And let's pray that the fellowship we share can be beneficial for the purpose of glorifying the Lord and making the church stronger.



# Our Story

## Gardening of the Mind

Our hearts are like a "beautiful garden". Meditating on the Word is the act of planting flowers in a "beautiful garden". In order to beautify the garden in our hearts, we must plant the Word within our hearts until the fruits of the Holy Spirit ripen and are steadily cultivated.



Just as weeds ruin the "beautiful garden," weeds of temptation grow like poisonous mushrooms every day and threaten the garden. Therefore, the weeds must be destroyed, and this is only possible by meditating on the Word of God.

If you meditate on the Scriptures, then you will surely bear fruit. A "beautiful garden" is not created in one morning. I hope that we will be eager to take on the challenge of cultivating a beautiful "garden of the heart" through constant meditation of the Word.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)

## Why do Geese Fly in a V-Shape?

Why do geese fly in a V-shape? When scientists at the California Institute of Technology conducted computer simulations of birds who follow V-shape formations, they found that there were two main reasons.

First, geese fly in this formation because this is how they use the least amount of energy to travel long distances. In this formation, the geese in the front fly slightly higher than the geese behind them; this reduces energy consumption because it reduces the air resistance that the geese face. This means that the air resistance is evenly distributed among the birds, which in turn minimizes the air resistance of each bird. It turns out that if twenty-five geese fly together in a V-shape, they can fly 75% longer than a single goose can fly by itself. When the leading goose gets tired, it swaps with another goose and then retreats to the rear to rest.

Second, the V-shape formation makes it easy for the geese in the group to communicate and exchange information. This is also the same reason why fighter jets prefer to use the V-shape when flying in formation.





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