

Chapter 27 – The Fellowship of Saints – #3

Biblical definition for the fellowship of the saints – Philippians 2:1-4

Fellowship of the Saints involves:

(1st) **Interactive Communion Focused on Christ** – 1 John 1:3,6-7

Maurice Roberts – *‘Fellowship is the place where the religion of the heart is much promoted. Here we draw forth from one another those deep counsels which lie hidden in the soul. Experiences of God in providence, enjoyment of God in secret, the answers to prayer, the hand of God in guidance—these are matters on which true fellowship feeds.’* – *The Thought Of God* (.p.159)

(2nd) **Spiritual Partnership** – Luke 5:10... 2 Corinthians 8:23

(3rd) **Material Sharing** – Acts 2:42-45; 4:32,34-35... Romans 12:10-13... 2 Corinthians 9:10-13... Hebrews 13:15-16.

Jerry Bridges – *‘The fellowship of sharing with those in need is more than just showing compassion or benevolence to those in need. Even unbelievers do that. The fellowship of sharing possessions within the Body is a tangible recognition that we are in a community relationship with one another and that when one member of the community suffers, we all suffer together. When a parent meets a need of one of his children, we do not think of that act as an expression of benevolence but as an expression of relationship.’* – *True Fellowship* (.p.21)

4th – OBLIGATIONS OF FELLOWSHIP

(1st) Serve

- Christ is Our Example – Matthew 20:25-28 ; John 13:12-17
- God's Word is Our Directive – Romans 12:10-13; Galatians 5:13

(2nd) Promote Mutual Well-Being – Galatians 6:9-10

Examples:

1 Corinthians 16:14-18

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Philippians 4:14