

Chapter 27 – The Fellowship of Saints – #4

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

Philippians 4:14

3rd – Practical Expressions and Particular Applications (Para 2)

‘By their profession of faith, saints are committed to the maintenance of a holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God and in the performance of such other special services as promote their mutual well-being. They are also bound to relieve one another in their temporal concerns according to their various needs and abilities. According to the rule of the gospel, this type of fellowship, while it particularly applies to the family and church relationships of saints, is to be extended, as God gives opportunity, to the whole household of faith, that is to say, to all who in every place call upon the name of the Lord Jesus. At the same time, however, it must be understood that such a sharing one with another as saints, does not deprive any man of the title and proprietorship which he has in his own goods and possessions, nor does it infringe such title.’

1st – PRACTICAL EXPRESSIONS

(1st) Maintain Holy Fellowship and Communion – Hebrews 10:21-25; Acts 2:42;46.

(2nd) Perform Special Services – “one another” texts...

John 15:12-17 – _____ (1 Thess 3:12; 4:9... 1 Peter 1:22; 3:8; 4:8-11... 1 John 3:11, 14-23; 4:7; 11-12... 2 John 5)

Romans 12:10-16 – _____

Romans 15:5-7... v.14 – _____

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 25 – _____

Galatians 5:13 – _____

Ephesians 4:31-32 – _____

Ephesians 5:19-21 – _____

Ephesians 6:18 – _____

'A Christian fellowship lives and exists by the intercession of its members for one another, or it collapses. I can no longer condemn or hate a brother for whom I pray, no matter how much trouble he causes me. His face, that hitherto may have been strange and intolerable to me, is transformed in intercession into the countenance of a brother for whom Christ died, the face of a forgiven sinner.' – **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**, *Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Faith in Community*

1 Thessalonians 5:11, 14 – _____

Hebrews 3:12-14 – _____

Hebrews 10:24-25 – _____

James 5:16 – _____