

# The Fellowship of the Holy Spirit

2 Corinthians 13:14\*

**2 Cor. 13:14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

**1 John. 1:1-2** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup> the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—

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**κοινωνία**, a relationship characterized by sharing in common *fellowship, participation* †

**κοινωνία**, an association involving close mutual relations and involvement‡

**John 3:5-7** Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.<sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.<sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

**Eph. 1:13** In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

**1 Cor. 12:13** For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

**Eph. 2:19-22** So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,<sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,<sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.<sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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## I. Being Attentive to the Holy Spirit

### A. Awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit

**John 14:16-17** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, **to be with you forever,**<sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for **he dwells with you and will be in you.**

**Genesis. 5:24** **Enoch walked with God,** and he was not, for God took him.

**Genesis 28:16** Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, **and I did not know it."**

**Ps. 17:15** As for me, **I shall behold your face in righteousness;** when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.

**Micah 7:7** But as for me, **I will look to the LORD;** I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.

**1 Sam. 12:8-9** When Jacob went into Egypt, and the Egyptians oppressed them, then your fathers cried out to the LORD and the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, who brought your fathers out of Egypt and made them dwell in this place.<sup>9</sup> **But they forgot the LORD their God. And he sold them into the hand of Sisera, commander of the army of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab.** And they fought against them.

**2 Tim. 2:8** **Remember Jesus Christ,** risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel,

### B. Attention to the testimony of the Holy Spirit

**2 Pet. 1:20-21** knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.<sup>21</sup> For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God **as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.**

**1 Pet. 2:1-3** So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, **long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation**—<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

**John 15:26** "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, **the Spirit of truth,** who proceeds from the Father, **he will bear witness about me.**

### C. Meditation on the Word of the Holy Spirit

**Ps. 1:1-3** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;<sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the LORD, **and on his law he meditates day and night.**<sup>3</sup> He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

**Ps. 119:14-15** In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.<sup>15</sup> **I will meditate on your precepts** and fix my eyes on your ways.

**Ps. 63:5-8** My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,<sup>6</sup> **when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;**<sup>7</sup> for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.<sup>8</sup> My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

**Ps. 73:16-17** But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, <sup>17</sup> until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end.

## II. Conversation with the Holy Spirit

**Rom. 8:26-27** Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

**Phil. 4:6-7** do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Eph. 6:18** praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

**Jude 1:20-21** But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

**Rom. 8:14-16** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

## III. Submission to the Holy Spirit

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**1 Thess. 5:16-22** Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup> Abstain from every form of evil.

**Eph. 4:29-30** Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

**Eph. 5:18** And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

## Results of the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit

- **Victory over sin and the flesh**

**Rom. 8:13** For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit **you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.**

- **Sanctification**

**2 Thess. 2:13** But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, **through sanctification by the Spirit** and belief in the truth.

- **Transformation into the image of Christ**

**2 Cor. 3:17-18** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.<sup>18</sup> And we all, with unveiled face, **beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.**

- **Growing in Wisdom**

**Eph. 1:16-17** I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,<sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, **may give you the Spirit of wisdom** and of revelation in the knowledge of him,

- **Inner Freedom and Strength**

**Gal. 5:22-23** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,<sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

## Thoughts for Prayer

- Think of a time when you experienced real fellowship in the Holy Spirit.
- What prevents you from having regular fellowship with the Holy Spirit?
- Are you ready today to dedicate yourself to the fellowship of the Holy Spirit?

