



# Experiencing Christian Fellowship

## Standing Firm – Part 4

*1 Thessalonians 2:17-20; 3:6-13*

As Christians, it is critical that we admit a need for fellowship. We really do need the support and encouragement of one another to bolster us up on our spiritual journey. In the New Testament the word we translate *fellowship* is the Greek word *koinonia*, meaning “joint participation.” It literally means “a sense of community” or “a state of having all things in common.” Paul writes to the church in Thessalonica with the express purpose that they might be encouraged during a time of hopelessness and persecution. One of the key components to providing that source of encouragement was Christian fellowship.

### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ for fellowship. (2:17-20)

- A. There is \_\_\_\_\_ in separation.
- B. Where there is separation from fellowship, there is also a desire for \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ together

### II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of fellowship. (3:6-9)

- A. Pleasant \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 6)
- B. A source of \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 7)
- C. \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 8)
- D. \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 9)

### III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of fellowship. (3:10-13)

- A. That faith will \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 10)
- B. That \_\_\_\_\_ will increase and overflow. (v. 12)
- C. That our lives will be \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 13)