

ANCHORS IN THE STROM 3

Relationship and Fellowship

2 Corinthians NKJV 5:17 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Matthew 16: ²⁴Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

4. The reality of our fellowship with the Father

- **The purpose behind redemption was to have fellowship**

1 Corinthians NKJV 1:9 God *is* faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- **Our highest honor to have fellowship with Him and to be a joint heir with Christ,**

1 John NKJV 1: ³that 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. ⁴And these things we write to you that ^(a)your joy may be full.

⁷But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

- **We have to take advantage of fellowship with God to get the benefit of the relationship,**

Ephesians NKJV 2: ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy NKJV 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.