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Finding Fellowship and Forgiveness

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1 CORINTHIANS 1:9, 1 JOHN 1:9

We don't always see it or feel it, but God is faithful. He is constant, steadfast, trustworthy and true. It is his essence to be faithful. Are you living in fellowship with him, forgiven of your sin? Wait until you see what this faithful God has in store for you!



NOTES

“...his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”
LAMENTATIONS 3:23

God is faithful like the morning sun, and we can still count on His love even in our times of deepest distress.

“I saw heaven open and there before me was a white horse whose rider is called Faithful and True.”
REVELATION 19:11

Christ our God reveals himself as faithful and true. Utterly trustworthy, constant, steadfast, firm, unwavering, absolutely reliable.

You can always have hope no matter what in your life, and it comes down to the reality of these three words: **God is faithful.**

What difference does it make for me?

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Because God is faithful, I can _____.

Our lives don't depend upon our faithfulness, but on God's faithfulness.

“God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.”
1 CORINTHIANS 1:9

“In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son...through whom he made the universe.”
HEBREWS 1:1-2

Responding to God's call when He speaks to you is how you become part of His church. The word for church is *ekklesia*. It means: *called out*. God calls and we respond. It also means, *called to*.

“God, who has called you into **fellowship with his Son**, Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.”
1 CORINTHIANS 1:9

Fellowship = meaningful connection with others. It's the opposite of isolation.



Christian fellowship is where we enter into a saving personal relationship that we have with God and share with others in his church.

We have been called into the experience of belonging and identity in the unconditional love of God in Jesus Christ.

It's like a sandwich. The top slice of bread is God. The middle layer is fellowship in Jesus Christ. The bottom slice of bread is God's faithfulness.

Paul starts his letter to the Corinthian church celebrating and focusing their attention not on their problems – which were many – but on their shared calling in Jesus Christ and this incredible truth: God is faithful.

We have fellowship in Jesus Christ, not because we are good, but because God is.

“If we confess our sins, **he is faithful** and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

1 JOHN 1:9

The cleansing of our souls, the purifying of our hearts, the forgiving of our sins – where does it come from? The faithfulness and goodness of God.

God's love and forgiveness flows clean and free in your life when you confess.

What does it mean to confess?

Confession = “say the same thing” that God says about your sin. Agree.

- Sins are real and they are mine.
- Sins are killing me and things in my life are dying because of them.
- I can't fix my sin problem by myself.
- I must give my sins to Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world.

Forgive = release, send away, remit

Cleanse = make pure, remove all filth

All unrighteousness = injustice, hurt, divine disapproval

God doesn't hold grudges but works to heal and free.

Confession is the door we walk through into the room of healing and freedom.



There is a stream that flows with the blood of our Savior, that can cleanse from sin and purify from unrighteousness.

God is faithful...and wants you in fellowship with Him.

He's not out to get you. He's out to forgive you, and connect you, and heal you, and bring freedom.

Being forgiven and freed from sin isn't the end of the story. It is a means to an end - of living fellowship with God and meaningful connection with others in our lives – in spite of our problems.

Because God is faithful, you can't lose.

