

COLOSSIANS

Together Fellowship Of The Body

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New Testament	
Matthew	
Mark	
Luke	
John	
Acts	
Romans	
1 Corinthians	
2 Corinthians	
Galatians	
Ephesians	
Philippians	
Colossians	
1 Thessalonians	
2 Thessalonians	
1 Timothy	
2 Timothy	
Titus	
Philemon	
Hebrews	
James	
1 Peter	
2 Peter	

Fellowship in church is essential for spiritual growth and for the advancement of the gospel. True Christian fellowship is anchored in the gospel.

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1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf⁸ and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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Foundation Of Faith

The Common Bond

- Christ
 - Called
 - Following God's will
 - Faithfulness leads to peace
- The body
 - All parts of body are essential
 - Fellowship

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Foundation Of Faith

The Common Bond

The Blessing Of Unity

- Recognize the importance of the body
- Continue in prayer for the body
- Celebrate the work of God in the body

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Foundation Of Faith

The Common Bond

The Blessing Of Unity

Faith In Christ, Love For The Body And Hope In Promises

- Two-part reward
 - Eternal award in heaven
 - Living out the gospel
- Others rewarded with the gospel

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How Do You Exhibit Faith, Love, And Hope?

**How Does This Church Exhibit
Faith, Love, And Hope?**

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Fruit Of Faithfulness

When The Church Remains Faithful

- Interaction with the world
 - Must hear the gospel
 - Demonstrated gospel

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Fruit Of Faithfulness

When The Church Remains Faithful

- Interaction with the world
- Reaction from the world
 - Understanding the gospel
 - Receiving the gospel

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Fruit Of Faithfulness

When The Church Remains Faithful

- Interaction with the world
- The church is to multiply
 - Testimony of the faithful witness was known
 - Began with one – Epaphras
 - Epaphras – discipled by Paul
 - Returned home and discipled others

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Fruit Of Faithfulness

When The Church Remains Faithful

The Work Of God

- God initiates redemption
- Christ delivers redemption
- The Holy Spirit motivates

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Fruit Of Faithfulness

When The Church Remains Faithful

The Work Of God

Our Calling

- Faithfully make disciples
- Fellowship with believers
- Follow the will of God

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Are We Faithfully Bearing Fruit? Both The Characteristics Of The Holy Spirit In Us, And Making Disciples

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Fervent Prayer

Prayers That God Answers

- Filling with knowledge of His will
- Spiritual wisdom
- Spiritual understanding

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Fervent Prayer

Prayers That God Answers

Answered Prayers

- Walk in a manner worth of the Lord
- Fully pleasing to Him
- Bearing fruit
- Increasing in knowledge of God

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Fervent Prayer

Prayers That God Answers

Answered Prayers

Necessities For Life

- Strengthened in God's power
 - Not in your power
 - God's gracious might
- Endurance
- Patience
- Joy
- Praise to the Father

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Fervent Prayer

Prayers That God Answers

Answered Prayers

Necessities For Life

New Life

- Shared inheritance
- Delivered from the domain of darkness
- Sonship
- Redemption
- Forgiveness of sins

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**You Can Not Live A Life Pleasing To God
Without A Relationship With Him.
Is God First In Your Life?**

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