



## Called To Communion, Part 2

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### Key Scriptures:

#### **1 John 1:3-4 (NKJV)**

“... that 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. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.”

### Time With God

God desires to have fellowship with us. When we spend time with God our lives are filled with many benefits: He fills us with His joy, He protects us, He give us light and clarity, and all His goodness fills our lives. We have been called to communion with God.

### The Benefits Of Fellowshiping With God

- 1. God will spend time with us when we make time for Him.**
  - a. Jesus stands at the door of our hearts knocking (Revelation 3:20).
    - i. If we open the door to Him, He will come in.
    - ii. This scripture describes sitting down for a long meal.
  - b. Jesus said if we abide in Him then He would abide in us (John 15:4-7).
    - i. He will cause His life to flow through us, producing fruit.
- 2. Overflowing joy comes when we fellowship with God.**
  - a. By fellowshiping with God our joy is complete (1 John 1:3-4).
  - b. Life can weigh us down with cares, but the joy we find in the presence of God will strengthen us and lift us up!
- 3. There is protection when we fellowship with God.**
  - a. Moses speaks of all the protection we receive from God when we remain in the secret place of God (Psalm 91).
    - i. The secret place is a place of fellowshiping with the Father.
    - ii. We do not need to fear harm when we are living in close relationship with God.
- 4. We gain understanding and vision when we fellowship with God.**
  - a. God is light (1 John 1:5).
  - b. With Him is the fountain of life and in His light we see light (Psalm 36:9).
  - c. There is no darkness in God, and when we remain in Him we receive all the benefits of His light; including understanding and clear vision.
- 5. God reveals Himself to those who fellowship with Him.**
  - a. If we love God we will obey Him, and He will show Himself to us (John 14:21).
  - b. God will be with us in trouble and show us His salvation (Psalm 91:15).
  - c. When we live in love we live in God and God lives in us (1 John 4:16).

## Supportive Scriptures

- **1 John 1:3-4** (In fellowship with God our joy is full.)
- **Revelation 3:20** (Jesus stands at the door and knocks.)
- **1 John 1:5** (God is light.)
- **Psalm 36:9** (In His light we see light.)
- **John 15:4-7** (Jesus calls us to abide in Him, Himself being a vine and we the branches.)
- **Psalm 91** (God protects those who remain in Him.)
- **Ephesians 4:28** (Do not give the enemy a foothold.)
- **John 14:21** (If we love the Lord we will do what He says and He will reveal Himself.)
- **1 John 4:16** (God is love, and when we live in love we live in God.)