



**Fellowship With God**  
**The Pursuit of His Presence (Part 5)**  
**Sunday Sermon, June 14, 2026 - Sermon Outline**

We have considered several practices in the pursuit of His presence: Stillness, Meditation, Personal Worship and Personal Private Prayer.

One of the most awesome and amazing privileges we have is to fellowship with God. This is the place we wish to live in, in our pursuit of His presence. What does it mean to fellowship with God and how do we live in a place of continued unbroken deep intimate meaningful purposeful fellowship with God?

**FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD**

**1 Corinthians 1:9**

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

**2 Corinthians 13:14**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and **the communion of the Holy Spirit** be with you all. Amen.

**1 John 1:1-4**

**1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—**

**2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—**

**3 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.****

**4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.**



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fellowship, communion Greek 'koinōnia' meaning *sharing, intimacy, partnership*

The Greek word 'koinōnia' is one of the richest and most important words in the New Testament. It is often translated as *fellowship, communion, participation, sharing, intimacy, partnership, or contribution*, but none of these English words fully captures its depth.

In Greek culture during Bible times, koinonia would be used in various contexts including: *deep friendships, marriage relationships, business partnerships, shared property and participation in civic life*. The New Testament takes this ordinary Greek word and fills it with deep spiritual meaning.

*koinonia* literally means *what is common, shared, mutual, belonging to all*. The essential idea is to have something in common and actively participate together in it. *Koinōnia* is not merely being together. It is sharing a common life, purpose, possession, relationship, or experience.

Biblical *koinōnia* means sharing and participating in life, identity, mission, resources, joy, and suffering. It is relational, spiritual, practical, and covenantal.

We are called to have *koinonia* with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - with the God Head.

The New Testament does not say that we as believers merely know God. The Scripture says that we as believers have *koinōnia* with God.

This means intimate relationship, shared life, divine fellowship. We are invited into sharing and participating in life, identity, mission, resources, joy, and suffering with God. The believer is brought into the relationship (fellowship) that exists between Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

*koinonia* includes INTIMACY (closeness, personal knowledge, affection) and PARTNERSHIP (participation, commitment, responsibility, purpose).



The privilege of *koinonia* is intimacy.

The responsibility of *koinonia* is partnership.

#### SIDE NOTE:

*koinonia* with God is the basis of true *koinonia* with one another. Our participation in the very life of God through union with Christ, then creates a shared life amongst us His people. The New Testament treats *koinōnia* as both vertical (with God) and horizontal (with one another). The horizontal fellowship exists because believers first share in the vertical communion of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Note how the apostle John expresses both the horizontal and vertical in 1 John 1:3 *“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.”*

So, what happens when we fellowship with God?

Remember, fellowship is both intimacy and partnership.

#### WHEN WE FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD WE KNOW HIS HEART

##### John 5:19-20

**19** Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what **He sees the Father do**; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

**20** For the Father loves the Son, and **shows Him all things that He Himself does**; and He **will show Him greater works** than these, that you may marvel.

The Lord Jesus walked in close fellowship with the Father and the Spirit while on this earth. He was led by the Spirit. He lived in the bosom of the Father. Therefore, He declared that everything He said and did was what the Father communicated to Him.



Fellowship is the place of revelation. It is the place where the Father reveals His heart, shows us what to do, and the greater things He has planned for us to do.

### **WHEN WE FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD WE PARTNER WITH HIM**

This is the true meaning of “doing His will”. It is partnership with God. As we fellowship with God, walking in intimacy with Him, we desire to please His heart. We partner with Him – taking on responsibility, stepping into His assignments, and co-working with Him to advance His Kingdom.

The Lord Jesus expressed this in many ways –

#### **John 4:34**

**Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.**

#### **John 8:29**

**And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."**

### **FELLOWSHIP IN HIS BODY AND BLOOD**

#### **1 Corinthians 10:16**

**The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?**

The word “communion” is *koinōnia* and in this context means a living participation, a union in the Person of Christ Himself. It is our union with Christ in His body and blood - in His life, death and resurrection. We live our lives on the basis of and out of His finished work on the Cross.

A, Our fellowship with Him is on the basis of His body and blood. We go to Him on the basis of what He did for us. We have been made the



righteousness of God in Christ and this is what enables us to fellowship with Him.

B, Christ is our life (blood) and our sustenance (bread). It is declaring that we live our lives out of union with Christ. Our earthly life is lived on the basis of what He completed for us on the Cross. When we face life situations we stand firm on what is our through His body and blood.

C, It is out of this fellowship in His body and blood, that we also have fellowship with all others in the body of Christ. Our fellowship with one another is also based on the Cross of Jesus Christ. Think about the application of this in our life as a church community. When we relate to one another we do it on the basis of the finished work of Jesus on the Cross.

## **HOW TO MAINTAIN OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD**

The apostle John in both the Gospel of John and in his epistles emphasized this place of fellowship with God. He used the term “abide” in Him to describe this place of relationship.

We look at two truths brought to us by John that teach us about maintaining our fellowship with God.

### **A, WALK IN THE LIGHT**

#### **1 John 1:5-10**

**5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.**

**6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.**

**7 But 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.**

**8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**



**9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.**

We cannot claim to walk in fellowship with God if we are walking in darkness (vs 6). To have fellowship with God we must walk in the light as God is light (vs 7). This is the only way we can have fellowship with God when we are in pursuit of His presence. We must be in the light as He is in the light and He is light.

In 2 Corinthians 6:14 the apostle Paul stated: *“Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion (Gr. koinonia) has light with darkness?”*

In this passage vs 14-16 Paul uses several words to describe this impossible relationship between light and darkness:

vs 14: unequally yoked together (heterozygeō = to be yoked up differently)

vs 14: fellowship (metochē = sharing)

vs 14: communion (koinōnia = fellowship)

vs 15: accord (symphōnēsis = unison, agreement)

vs 15: part (meris = a portion in common, share)

vs 16: agreement (synkatathesis = alliance)

James brings this out in very strong terms: James 4:4 *“Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that **friendship with the world is enmity with God?** Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”*

So, this is so clear. In our spiritual lives we cannot have some association going on with darkness and then also try to have fellowship with God.

And if there is any sin that happens, then it is the blood that cleanses us so that the fellowship – practical intimacy and partnership – can continue. This



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is us having communion (fellowship) in His body and blood that enables us to have communion (fellowship) with Him!

If when we sin, we do not address sin (“we say that we have not sinned”) – we have a wrong understanding of God, perceiving Him to be Someone who He is not, and making Him a liar, when He indeed is Truth AND we are not aligned to Him, His word is not in us – we are in a place where the vitality of our fellowship is broken. ← This is an area where many find it difficult to understand. How do we live as people who have received abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness, having been made the righteousness of God – and at the same time have the humility, sincerity and authenticity to address sin and darkness in our lives, calling it for what it is – and repent of it and choose to come into the light.

To walk in continued fellowship with Him in our pursuit of His presence, we must live in the light.

## **B, WALK IN LOVE**

### **1 John 2:9-11**

**9 He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.**

**10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.**

**11 But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.**

As John continues in his first epistle he gets down to the ‘nuts and bolts’. An important expression of walking in the light is to walk in love.

To have hate against another brother is to be in darkness.

God is love. Just as light and darkness cannot be in fellowship, love and hate cannot be in fellowship. Carrying hate in my heart towards a brother,



hinders my fellowship with God. It is up to me to keep my heart free from hate.

## **C, WALK WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE**

### **1 John 3:20-21**

**20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.**

**21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.**

Another truth that John brings to us in his first epistle is to have clear conscience – a heart that does not condemn us. Conscience is the voice of the heart – the voice of the human spirit – speaking to us according to the Law of God that has been written in it (Romans 2:15). When our conscience is clear, our heart is not condemning us – we have confidence in our relationship with God. We can fellowship with God freely.

When you do something wrong, your conscience is sure to “speak up” and alert you. Listen to your conscience. Obey it. Keep it clean, keep it clear. The apostle Paul announced he lived with a good conscience before God (Acts 23:1) and always strived to have a conscience without offense toward God and men (Acts 24:16).

## **LIVING THIS OUT DAILY**

Learn to walk in fellowship (intimacy and partnership) with the Father, with the Lord Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit. Walk in constant intimacy and constant partnership. Speak to the Father, with the Lord Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit. Share your heart freely. Listen in to what God speaks. Grow in intimacy and in partnership.

## **SUMMARY**



## GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

## SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

**Minister as the Spirit leads**



## **LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE**

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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

### **Preparation**

**Life Group Leader:** To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group. All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

### **Welcome**

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

### **LISTEN to God's Word**



Read the following Scripture references: *1 Corinthians 1:9; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 John 1:1-4*

### **INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning. Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

*Q1, What is fellowship (koinonia) as used in the New Testament? Discuss what it means to be in fellowship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

*Q2, When we fellowship with God, we know His heart and we partner with Him. Discuss how we experience this practically in daily life.*

*In order to maintain our fellowship with God, (a)we must walk in the light, (b)we must walk in love and (c)we must walk with a clear conscience. Discuss how we do these in everyday life.*

*Reflect and share how you have experienced these in your times of private personal prayer alone with God.*

Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

### **FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey**

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

### **ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another**



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Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.*

Close by thanking God together.



## USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

**YOUTUBE:** <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

**WEBSITE:** <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

**CHURCH:** <https://apcwo.org>

**FREE SERMONS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

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**MUSIC:** <https://apcmusic.org>

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## SERMON OUTLINE

The New Testament teaches us that as believers we walk in fellowship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Our pursuit of His presence leads us into a place of constant fellowship with Him. Fellowship is intimacy and partnership. When we fellowship with God, we know His heart and we partner with Him. Our fellowship with Him is based on His body and blood. In order to maintain our fellowship with God, (a)we must walk in the light, (b)we must walk in love and (c)we must walk with a clear conscience. This sermon includes free audio (mp3) and video of this powerful, motivational, expository teaching, free printable PDF sermon outlines, sermon notes and small group study guide with discussion questions and presentation slides. All resources (sermon PDF, sermon MP3, sermon video, sermon presentation) are free for use in personal study, small groups, Bible study prayer groups, local churches, conferences, Bible colleges, etc.

## KEYWORDS

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