

## **Fellowship**

*That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ (1 John 1:3)*

What a blessing it is to have fellowship meetings, a time where that that saints can come together and encourage on another to be strong in the faith. This can be heaven on earth, suppose this is what Paul meant when he said, we can sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. But you know we of ourselves have not a fellowship to offer anyone. The fellowship is already there, it started long before you or I came on the scene. It is with the Father and with his Son. There are fellowships made and ruled by the hand and mind of man, but this is not true fellowship! True fellowship is when we as individuals have a right relationship with God, then if whoever has a right relationship and I have a right relationship, thus there is fellowship. The word fellowship comes from the Greek word, "koinonia", which in actuality means partnership. We are in partnership with Jesus for salvation, eternal life, and God's love. If anyone else is in such partnership, then there is fellowship. On the authority of God's word and Spirit, we are under obligation to fellowship everyone that God fellowships, while at the same time there is no fellowship with those who are not in partnership with God. *Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. (Eph. 5:11)*

May God help us to love, to live so close to Him that we can listen to His voice and get direction as to who is in the fellowship and who is not. (Not according to what the human mind is dictating, but in reality what the Holy Spirit is dictating to our soul who is really a child of God and then fellowship is precious). We need help from God and much of His love to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit.