

The Genuine Christian Fellowship That God Wants Us to Have

Col 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Psa 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Introduction

Matt 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

1. Genuine fellowship that has transparency

James 5:16 Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:7 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.

2. Genuine fellowship that has mutuality

1 Cor 12:26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it*.

Rom 12:10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

Rom 14:19 Therefore let us pursue the things *which make* for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

3. Genuine fellowship that practices empathy

Col 3:12 Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

Phil 3:10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Heb 10:33-34 ³³ partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated; ³⁴ for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven.

4. Genuine fellowship that shows divine charity

2 Cor 2:7 so that, on the contrary, you *ought* rather to forgive and comfort *him*, lest perhaps such a one be swallowed up with too much sorrow.

1 Cor 13:4 Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

Col 3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.