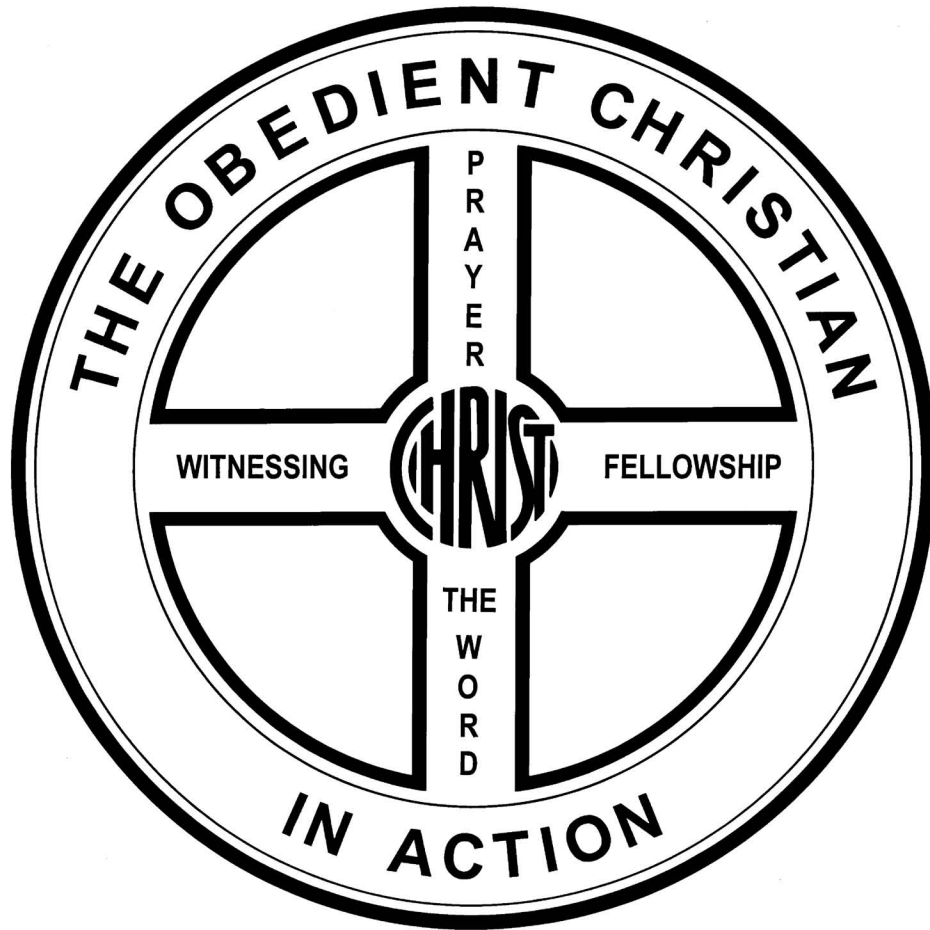


Effective Fellowship



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Fellowship

A. English definition

Three key thoughts or ideas

- (1) Fellowship means being part of a group, a body of people. It is opposed to isolation, solitude, loneliness, and our present day independent kind of individualism.*
- (2) Fellowship means having or sharing with others certain things in common such as interests, goals, feelings, beliefs, activities, labor, privileges and responsibilities, experiences, and concerns.*
- (3) Fellowship can mean a partnership that involves working together and caring for one another as a community of people, like a company of soldiers or members of a family.*

B. Greek

Koinonia translated fellowship 12 times NT is a communal association for the mutual benefit of those involved.

-“to share or take part together” in a sense of partnership or participation

-“to share with” in a sense of giving to others

NT usage

– the things shared in common in some way by all parties involved as relationships, blessings, or burdens or responsibilities

- the person(s) doing the sharing with others
- the person(s) with whom there is sharing
- an abstract quality of the concept of fellowship, with no object, used alone in Acts 2:42

Short definition; Sharing around the person of Jesus Christ

C. Fellowship will change your life

1. *Provoke/stimulate us Hebrews 10:24-25*
2. *Encourage us Hebrews 3:13*
3. *We must choose to fellowship Heb. 10:24- 25*

D. We will fellowship with someone

2 Corinthians 6:14

1 Corinthians 15:33

E. We will mature in fellowship

Ephesians 4:11-16

F. We belong to each other in fellowship

Romans 12:5

G. Qualities for body of Christ or fellowship

Ephesians 4:2-3

humility gentleness

patience tolerance love diligence bond of peace

H. Horizontal fellowship

1 assembling together as a body Acts 2:42,
Heb. 10:25

2 assembling in small groups 2 Tim. 2:2