

Fellowship

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I. Introduction.

A. Most of us believe that God gave Jesus all power, but we do not release it for ourselves. (Matthew 28:19-20)

B. There are reasons that we do not experience God's power today.

II. Disunity.

A. Unity is good and pleasant. (Psalm 133:1; Ephesians 4:13)

B. There is a connection between unity and maturity. (John 17; Proverbs 6)

III. Broken fellowship.

A. Unity comes from fellowship. (1 John 1:7)

B. When we walk in light, Jesus cleanses us and we have fellowship with one another.

C. If we have unconfessed sin, we have broken fellowship with God.

D. If we are out of fellowship with other Christians, we are out of fellowship with God too. (Malachi 3:16)

E. There is multiplying power in fellowship. (Leviticus 18; Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)

F. We must walk as Jesus walked in order to have fellowship. (1 John 1:7)

IV. Pride and self-seeking. The solution is a servant heart. (Mark 10:45; 1 Corinthians 9:19, 22)

V. An independent spirit. The solution is a like-minded spirit. (Ephesians 4; 1 Corinthians 14:33; Philippians 2:2; Colossians 3:14)

Application questions:

1. Why is unity essential among Christians?

2. What does healthy unity look like? How is it different from uniformity?

3. How do we maintain unity? Explain.
