



**Fellowship**

          
**|Christ|**

**(Relationship)**

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**|Fellowship|**

**(Communication)**

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**Redeemer**

# Fellowship

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**To God**

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**Relationship to One Another**

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**Communication**

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**Psalm 141: 3**

**Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth;  
Keep watch over the door of my lips.**

**Matthew 12:**

**36 But I tell you that every careless word that people speak,  
they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.**

**37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words  
you will be condemned."**

## Acts 2:42 (NKJV)

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

- they were steadfast *in fellowship*. They loved each other, and they continued doing so. They conversed with one another about the things of God and they did not give up the converse. They helped each other when they were in need and they continued in such liberality. They were true Brethren and their fellowship was not broken.

Spurgeon

## Mathew Henry

- 2. They kept up the communion of saints. They continued in **fellowship** (v. 42), and continued daily with one accord in the temple, v. 46. They not only had a mutual affection to each other, but a great deal of mutual conversation with each other; they were much together. When they withdrew from the untoward generation, they did not turn hermits, but were very intimate with one another, and took all occasions to meet

The main thing about Christianity is not the work we do, but the relationship we maintain and *the atmosphere produced by that relationship*. That is all God asks us to look after, and it is the one thing that is being continually assailed.

Oswald Chambers

**Describe the atmosphere we want here at Christ Redeemer**



**Acts 2: 42** They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.



# Breaking Bread

- they continued *in the breaking of bread*, which is a delightful ordinance and never to be despised or underestimated. As often as they could, they showed Christ's death till He should come. They delighted to enjoy the dear memorials of His sacred passion, both in the assembly and from house to house.

Spurgeon

David Guzik

c. They continued in **fellowship**: The Greek word *koinonia* has the idea of association, communion, fellowship, and participation; it means to *share* in something.

## **The breaking of bread.**

1. Paul wrote concerning the breaking of bread to the Corinthians: "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?"
2. The word communion is the same Greek word koinonia.
3. In the communion we have a demonstration of the oneness that we share in Christ.
4. We are eating of the same bread, we are drinking from the same bottle of juice that was poured into the separate cups.
  - a. As the same bread is being assimilated into my body, and into your body, we are mystically being united as one body.
  - b. We are all becoming a part of the body of Christ.
  - c. This was such a beautiful demonstration of the oneness or koinonia, that it was done often in the early church.
  - d. In verse 46 we are told that: And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

## **Fellowship and Breaking Bread**

**These 2 activities involve commingled meanings.**

**They both had dinners in homes plus communion...**

**and communion at church plus dinner.**

**But "fellowship" and "breaking bread"**

**are 2 separate activities.**

**What if the disciples answered Jesus' invitation the way we do today?**

Peter - "My mother-in-law came in for the weekend."

Andrew - "I was up kinda late last night."

James (the son of Zebedee) - "Really needed some 'me' time."

John - "I was there last week. Besides, I'm not really being fed."

Philip - "Finally had a sunny day to hit the lake."

Bartholomew - "Had brunch scheduled with my Uncle Zed."

Thomas - "I doubt it would have been any good today."

Matthew - "I had to get my taxes done."

James (the son of Alphaeus) - "My dad (Alphaeus) wanted to fish today."

Thaddaeus - "The kids needed a rest day."

Simon - "I didn't hear my alarm. Because I didn't set it. Because I don't have one."

Judas - "Getting tired of hearing the same old message."





**1. Our Mission:** To live faithfully as disciples of Jesus Christ, and lead others to do the same, in obedience to the commands of Jesus in John 13:34-35 and Matthew 28:19-20.

**2. Our Vision:** To follow The Way (John 1:23) laid out in Acts 2:42-47, living as His body and revealing Christ on Earth.

**3. Our Strategy:** To engage the world with a faith-driven mentality, based on the promise of Eph 3:14-20; the exhortation of Hebrews 10:23-25; and the priority of Galatians 5:6

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**in obedience to the commands of Jesus**

**Matthew 28:19-20**

**the command**

**(John 1:23)**

**the direction**

**Acts 2:42-47**

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**Hebrews 10:23-25**

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