

Fellowship With Whom?

In 1 John 1:7, the writer says, “We have fellowship one with another.” Who is the “we” and “another” in this verse?

Earlier in verse 3 it is clearly stated, “*Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.*” It is definitely fixed that we have fellowship with God and His Son. But this fellowship extends further than this. The writer continues, “*If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth. But if we walk in the light, and he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin*” (1 John 1:3-7). Their remaining in fellowship with the Father and Son was dependent on their walking in the light of truth. “*If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father*” (1 John 2:24). We have fellowship with the Father and Son while walking in truth; but only there.

But far more than this is in the text. “*We have fellowship one with another.*” While walking in the light (in obedience to the word of God) we have a fellowship with God and the Son, and also with all others who are likewise obedient. Our fellowship does not extend to the disobedient, but extends “*to them that have obtained like precious faith*” (2 Peter 1:1). In Christ Jesus we have found a common denominator, where “*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus*” (Gal. 3:28). The question is asked again, “*Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*” (Amos 3:3). Fellowship one with another demands that both walk by the same rule, and obey the same Lord. So the conclusion is true that we have fellowship with all who are in Christ. But the primary thrust of John’s statement is, we have fellowship with God, and He has fellowship with us, in that we are doing His will. Our fellowship with other saints is dependent on this.

—Dillard Thurman, *Gospel Minutes*, 05/83

A Heart Pleasing to God

A man walks into the doctor’s office for his annual checkup thinking that he is in exceptional health. He eats a well-balanced diet, exercises, gets plenty of rest and is very conscientious when it comes to living a healthy lifestyle. To his surprise, the doctor gives him some unfortunate news regarding his health. He has a problem with his heart and will need immediate surgery. The surgery goes well, and the man begins his recovery. Now more than ever, this man pays special attention to the kind of care he gives to his heart. This man knows that to the body the heart is an essential muscle needed for life. If the heart is not functioning correctly, then the whole body is affected. Any person that desires to be healthy needs to pay special attention to his or her heart, especially if there is a known problem with the heart.

Just like having a good heart is essential for physical health, it is also essential to be pleasing to God. In 1 Samuel 16, Samuel was sent out by God to anoint the king who was to rule after Saul. Samuel was sent to Bethlehem to anoint the king from among the sons of Jesse. The older sons of Jesse passed before Samuel, and he was sure one of these men would be the next king. However, God saw something different in these men. God saw their hearts and would not appoint any of the older sons as king. Then, Samuel asked

Jesse if he had any more sons. Jesse confirmed he had one more son who was tending the flocks. This young man was David. David pleased the Lord and was soon to become king. In Acts 13:22-23, David is known as a man after God's own heart. Through this man and his seed was to come the Christ. David pleased the Lord.

Now, it is important to note that David had many flaws and sinned like everyone else, but David is still known for having a heart that was pleasing to God. David was shown the mistakes in his life, and he was greatly sorrowful for all the sins that he had done. David's heart temporarily focused on pleasing himself, but when he saw the error of his ways, David made the changes he needed to make to once again be pleasing to the Lord. Like David, we too need to be a people with good hearts. We need to take a look at our hearts and make sure that each and every day we are living for God. A good heart muscle is necessary for a long physical life, but a good spiritual heart is also crucial for a life pleasing to God.

—Derek Broome, gospelgazette.com, 10/18

October 14, 2018

FALL LECTURESHIP

**MONTROSE CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

OCTOBER 21ST-24TH

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY: 7:00 PM

SPEAKER:

TODD ELLIOTT

from BEREA CHURCH OF CHRIST
LEBANON, TENNESSEE

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM

OCTOBER 14, 2018

Coordinator.....Robert Hackett
Announcements.....George Clay
Scripture Reading.....Austin Clay
Song Leader.....Adam Jolley
Opening Prayer.....Jacky Carver, Sr.
Lord's Supper-Preside: Mitchell Brooks
Serve: Steve Anderson, Brian Smith
Ethan Leonard, Justin Draper
Closing PrayerBen Silcox
Greeter— Dallas & Paige Eddie
Greeter— Roger & Cynthia Draper
Count Offering.....Dallas Eddie
.....Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon — Chris Hicks
PM Sermon — Chris Hicks

WORSHIP—SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements.....George Clay
Song Leader.....Adam Jolley
Scripture Reading.....Austin Clay
Opening Prayer.....Glen Reece
Lord's Supper.....Roger Draper
.....Gavin Spurlin
Closing Prayer.....Steve Anderson

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcements.....George Clay
Song Leader.....Jacky Carver, Sr.

First Prayer.....Mitchell Brooks
Opening Prayer.....Dallas Eddie
Invitation(10/17)..... Glen Reece
Closing Prayer.....Justin Draper

Prepare Communion for **OCTOBER**

Cynthia & Paige

MONTROSE BULLETIN BOARD

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OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

10/07/18

Wednesday.....48

Worship Sunday AM.....90

Bible Study Sunday AM.....73

Daily Bible Readers.....33

Worship Sunday PM (09/30).....78

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct. 21st-24th- Fall Lectureship

Oct. 21st- Meal at the Barn

Oct. 27th- Hayride at the Bush's

PANTRY ITEM: Can of soup

BIBLE READING FOR OCTOBER

01 Micah 5-7	11 Matt. 1-3	21 Mark 5-9
02 Nahum 1-3	12 Matt. 4-6	22 Mark 10-12
03 Hab 1-3	13 Matt. 7-9	23 Mark 13-15
04 Zeph 1-3	14 Matt. 10-14	24 Mark 16; Lk.
05 Hag. 1-2;	15 Matt. 15-17	1-2
Zech. 1	16 Matt. 18-20	25 Luke 3-5
06 Zech. 2-4	17 Matt. 21-23	26 Luke 6-8
07 Zech. 5-9	18 Matt. 24-26	27 Luke 9-11
08 Zech. 10-12	19 Matt. 27-28;	28 Luke 12-16
09 Zech.13-14;	Mark 1	29 Luke 17-19
Mal. 1	20 Mark 2-4	30 Luke 20-22
10 Mal. 2-4		31 Luke 23-24;
		John 1